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Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

It looks as though the Chamber to Commerce is going to be a gigantic success here, if one can judge by the amount of interest evidenced by persons desirous of joining the council. . . . Membership has risen to 70 at this writing, which, considering that the association is still in the diaper stage, is extremely encouraging; and, I might add, there are still quite a few overly cautious persons who are studying the situation very thoroughly before signing up.

It does this ageing heart of mine good to see that so many Emmitsburgians have come to the fore in an earnest effort to keep the old town on the map. Surely with so many citizens pulling together, we can extricate our little hamlet from its almost certain descent into the land of oblivion.

May I remind the rest of you dubious, potential members that for your own individual good, you should join. . . . It's really your own private little battle for survival, ya know. . . . This is particularly true if you conduct a business of any description.

A membership of 70 is a great compliment to the originators and instigators of our Chamber of Commerce in Emmitsburg. I know that they are vastly encouraged and extremely grateful for the unusual response and co-operation displayed thus far. Once again I exhort you business men and civic leaders, and especially the women folks, to join up. . . . NOW!

BEETLES GALORE!

According to the general consensus of property and landowners around Emmitsburg and vicinity, the Jap beetles are knocking themselves out trying to shatter all previous records made by them in previous summers. . . . They are all over the place! You may take me absolutely literally. I've been reliably informed that one person here in town has so far collected 20 lard cans full of them in his backyard. . . . Said collector has four beetle traps and as fast as they become filled with the pesky little varmints, he empties them into the cans. . . . Each can holds, at a rough guess, 90,000 beetles. . . . Now, brethren and sistern, them's a lot of beetles! Seriously though, these bugs are a deadly menace to vegetation and crops. . . . It does seem the situation gets increasingly bad from year to year.

Another example of how plentiful these pests are was given me by a farmer who lives nearby. . . . It seems he has collected several barrels full near his corn field. The figures are in the billions, probably more, if I just knew how to count any higher, but after that many, why man, I'm stumped! I'd go buggy myself trying to count beyond that. . . . (Just pretend you didn't see that awful, unintentional pun!)

TARZAN VANISHES

As for the wild man reported to be haunting our fair mountains, police seem to think it was just a figment of someone's imagination. . . . because they've turned the old hill upside down and inside out and can't find his hair 'o him. What a pity. . . . I've always had a weakness for the cave-man type and just when I got my hopes all up again that perhaps this was the dream man who would deliver me from the fate of dying an un-mourned lady in waiting, they tell me that it's all a lot of malarkey. . . . I don't think it was a bit humorous for the person or persons who started the rumour there was a MAN on the loose!

Jack McCleaf, USN, returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McCleaf, W. Main St.

LOCAL BALL TEAM PLAYS THURMONT SUNDAY

McSherrystown last Sunday mathematically earned a tie for the pennant in the Pen-Mar Baseball League by hammering out a 7-3 victory over Emmitsburg at Community Field here.

The winners have won 15 and lost two and appear certain pennant winners with only four games to go.

Hanover, runner-up, must win all four remaining games while the leaders drop four straight, to tie McSherrystown for a play off.

Errors Sunday were the main cause of the locals' defeat. "Bud" Warthen started on the mound for Emmitsburg and was relieved in the late innings by Vince Topper.

McSherrystown scored one run in the second, three in the fourth before Emmitsburg came up with its first rally in the bottom half of that frame. The league leaders were ahead 7-1 when Emmitsburg put over two tallies in the last of the eighth. McSherrystown had 10 hits, one error. Emmitsburg was charged with three boos.

The locals remain in fifth position in the circuit and from all indications, should take this Sunday's contest from Thurmont, holding secure the cellar.

As usual, a large local following is expected to journey to Thurmont to witness the contest. Emmitsburg has twice beaten the Thurmonters this season, but a tough battle is always in store when they engage their friendly neighbors.

Sunday's Scores

McSherrystown 7, EMMITSBURG 3

Hanover 13, Thurmont 6

Taneytown 9, Littlestown 7

Blue Ridge Summit 12, Westminster 7

Standing of the Teams

	W.	L.	Pct.
McSherrystown	15	2	.882
Hanover	11	6	.647
Blue Ridge Sum.	10	6	.625
Taneytown	11	7	.611
EMMITSBURG	8	8	.500
Littlestown	6	9	.400
Westminster	4	14	.222
Thurmont	3	15	.167

Sunday's Schedule

EMMITSBURG at Thurmont

Hanover at Blue Ridge Summit

Westminster at Taneytown

Littlestown at McSherrystown

Juniors Rematched With Shoe Team

Emmitsburg sports lovers will be treated to another of those hard-fought baseball games Tuesday night when Slim Deatherage's Hanover Shoe team engages the American Legion Juniors in a contest to be played at Community Field at 6:15 p. m.

In a recent match, the Shoe team barely defeated the Juniors, 7-5, and had to go nine full innings to do the trick, finally snatching victory in the last frame. A collection will be taken up and divided between the two participants.

The Juniors are managed by Jack Rosensteel and have just completed a very successful season, finishing in third place in their league.

Accounts Approved

The Orphans' Court on Tuesday approved two administration accounts. George L. Willhide, Emmitsburg, executor in the estate of Annie M. Landers, reported \$6788.13 in his first and final account, distributing \$3198.61, including \$2148.61 to the Elias Ev. Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg.

Marshall H. Leatherman, near Thurmont, executor in the estate of Amanda E. Leatherman, accounted for \$1037.03 in his first and final account, distributing \$401.41 and \$800 the latter received from real estate.

Dinner guests of the J. Harry Scott family on Sunday were Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Stinson and family of Emmitsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Smith of Baltimore, and Miss Sally Paxson of Arlington, Va.

Mrs. Guy E. Warren of Keyville, visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Scott.

FIREMEN TEST NEW PRESSURE EQUIPMENT

The regular meeting of the Vigilant Hose Co., Emmitsburg, was held Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. in the Fire Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ralph S. Sperry gave a report on the work being done on the Fire Hall. The sand-blasting is now being done, but the painting will be delayed, since it is impossible to obtain painters at this time.

Fire Chief John J. Hollinger reported that hose has been ordered and that a nozzle had been received and taken out for practice. A CO2 extinguisher was sent for trial. It is for use in fires in which gasoline and oil are burning. Its contents are forced out of the nozzle at a temperature of 110 degrees below zero and at a pressure of 800 pounds. If the test is satisfactory, it will be purchased at a cost of \$55.

The following applications were voted on: J. Norman Flax, J. E. Houck Jr., Charles R. Fuss, Maurice Koontz, and B. J. Eckenrode. All were passed.

A donation was received from Mr. and Mrs. William Shorb to the amount of \$10. A check was also received from a studio who had used the hall, for \$8.

The company decided to attend the parade in Cashtown on Sept. 4. The truck will leave at 3 p. m.

By order of the president, there will be no papers stored in the cellar of the hall at any time.

The date for the annual outing was set for Aug. 24. The treasurer's report revealed a bank balance of \$2484.03. Financial matters were discussed, and it was decided that the directors write a letter to the town asking for financial assistance annually.

Letting Property Deteriorate Brings Local Suit

Charging that a life tenant permitted a St. Anthony's property to greatly depreciate in value before her death, the heir to the property has entered suit in Circuit Court claiming \$2000 from the administratrix of the life tenant's estate.

The plaintiff is Mrs. Grace Lois Wagner McCathran, understood to be now residing in Virginia. She is suing Frances Kelley of Pittsburgh, Pa., the administratrix of the estate of Estelle M. Sweeney.

In the will of Elizabeth McMahon, the plaintiff says through her attorney, Byron W. Thompson, the St. Anthony's property was left to two trustees for the use of Estelle Sweeney for life and at death to go to Mrs. McCathran, wife of Rodney R. McCathran II.

Miss Sweeney took possession of the property in 1943, it is set forth, and kept it until her death July 16, 1949. It was her duty, it is alleged, to keep the premises in a state of repair, but the plaintiff says Miss Sweeney permitted the following to happen:

The interior water pipes froze and burst, the rear porch reached a state of disrepair and rotted away, gutters and downspouts became choked and rotted, there was great damage to interior walls from water dripping through unrepaired holes in the roof, the furnace and pipes deteriorated, there was destruction to grass, shrubbery and trees from overgrowth of weeds and honeysuckle.

These acts, which Mrs. McCathran claims were beyond normal depreciation and allegedly due to Miss Sweeney's negligence, depreciated the value of the plaintiff's inheritance, to her loss, she says.

Mrs. Raymond Baumgardner and Mrs. Jerry Haskins and daughter, Sharyn, spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Moser.

Mary Jane Scott is spending a week in Baltimore with her aunt and uncle.

Primary Ballots To Carry Host of Names

The Democratic primary ballot will contain 52 names and the Republican ballot will contain 29 names—a total of 81—on the basis of those who have filed for Federal, State and county office, a survey showed.

There may be some withdrawals before the Aug. 18 deadline that would reduce the number but contests for eight major offices in each party appeared certain.

The Democrats have five candidates for Governor, four for U. S. Senator, two for Sixth District Congressman, two for Sheriff, five for the three County Commissioner posts, two for State's Attorney, four for the three judges of the Orphans' Court, 12 for six House of Delegates jobs, eight for six State Central committee places and eight for the seven delegates to the State Convention.

The Republicans have two candidates for Governor, three for U. S. Senator, two for Attorney General, two for Sheriff, six for the three County Commissioners, two for State's Attorney, four for the three judges of the Orphans' Court, eight for the six members of the House of Delegates.

There will be no balloting at the Sept. 18 primaries for the Fair Grounds harness racing betting and street extension referendums. These referendums, with any constitutional amendments, will come before the voters in November.

Four years ago, when similar offices were before the electorate, the Democratic ballot contained 50 names and the Republican ballot had 24.

Mrs. Harry S. Boyle Elected Head Of Democratic Club

Mrs. Mildred S. Fisher, president of the Women's Democratic League of Frederick County, presided at the organizational meeting held by a group of women at the Fire Hall, Emmitsburg, last Thursday evening.

Election of officers was held and they include: Mrs. Harry S. Boyle, president; Mrs. Frank Shuff, vice president; Mrs. Roy Bollinger, secretary, and Mrs. William Rowe, treasurer.

It was voted upon to adopt the name of the Women's Democratic Club of Emmitsburg for the local organization.

Guests from Thurmont and Frederick were introduced at the meeting, including Mrs. Mary Hancock Gregory, candidate for Judge of the Orphans' Court, and Mrs. Hazel Lewis, candidate for the House of Delegates.

All interested Democratic women are invited to attend the next meeting on Aug. 17 at 8 p. m. in the Fire Hall.

A group of Democratic men of the community met last Thursday evening. Guests that were present were Lumen F. Norris, candidate for the House of Delegates; James L. Nester, candidate for the State Central Committee. They spoke on behalf of the newly organized Women's Club and outlined the work to be done in the district.

Edward D. Storm, of Frederick, concluded the meeting with compliments to the ladies and stressed the importance of registration and team-work.

Legion Sponsoring Crab Feast

The annual crab feast of the Francis X. Elder Post, American Legion, Emmitsburg, will be held this evening at Kump's Dam, committee chairman Francis Sanders stated this week.

Besides the feast, entertainment will be free to members and their guests. The affair will get under way at six o'clock.

Mrs. Joseph Martin and Mrs. David Sharretts of Baltimore, spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baumgardner. They were accompanied home by Joseph Martin and David Sharretts, who had spent several weeks at the Baumgardner home.

Reader Decries Reelection Methods Of Some Legislators

Letter to Editor, Emmitsburg Chronicle:

Re-election has come to be more important than the good of the Nation.

We are constantly hearing in the news that certain pieces of legislation cannot possibly be passed by Congress "because this is an election (congressional) year." Only recently President Truman submitted a five-year plan to put our country out of debt, etc. Five years? Does this presuppose that our Presidents are now elected to office for life? The bill limiting their length of office to two terms, or eight years, is still waiting for ratification by thirteen states, I believe.

We have frequently heard of the plan to elect a President of the United States for one term only, six years, but I did not realize how far back this idea dated until I read a letter in The Lincoln papers, Vol. II, by David C. Mearns, a part of which I quote:

"Living Age Office
Boston, 7 Jan. 1861

To the Hon. Abraham Lincoln
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir:
I am so rooted in the habit of thinking affectionately about you—that perhaps I intrude upon you with too little ceremony—and will now fill up the measure of presumption by saying a few words to you.

Having been born in N. J. before the close of Washington's administration, & having been in the habit of looking at public affairs on all sides, for nearly 45 years, I have sometimes before ventured to give unsought opinions x x x x

About 20 years ago I prepared an Amendment to the Constitution, that the President should be elected for 7 years, not be eligible again, but be for life a member of the Senate. This was approved by the Albany Argus, Mr. Van Buren's paper, x x x x

May God guide and bless you is the prayer of E. LITTELL."

Apparently Mr. Littell's Amendment did not go very far, but it is interesting at this time.

E. H. T.
Upper Montclair, N. J.

SAMUEL A. COOL

Samuel Ambrose Cool, 60, Emmitsburg, died at the Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, on Sunday night at 11:50 o'clock, of a heart condition.

A son of the late John and Mary Curry Cool, he was predeceased by his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Small, about four months ago. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, this place, and of the Holy Name Society of that church.

Surviving are two sons, John F. Cool, Baltimore, and Guy Cool, at home; five daughters, Mrs. Carroll Wills, Mrs. George Wills and Mrs. William Ott, all of Emmitsburg; Mrs. George Pecher, Fairfield, and Miss Anna Catherine, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Weishaar, Fairfield, and Mrs. Hoffman, York; three brothers, William and Joseph C. O. L., Fairfield, and Frank Cool, Glyndon, Md., and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, followed by requiem mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Michael J. O'Brien, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield.

State Trooper Suffers From Poison Ivy

State Trooper James Poteet was taking sick-leave Tuesday for the first time of his police career at his home in Taneytown. Ten days ago he removed a fallen tree from the highway at Bridgeport but didn't notice that it was covered with poison oak. Later the infection became noticeable and he was under a doctor's care. He is reported recovering satisfactorily.

A true boa constrictor is found only in the new world.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 6

Frederick City and County public schools will open for the coming year on Wednesday, Sept. 6, two days after Labor Day, Supt. Eugene W. Pruitt announced this week.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, children who will attend school for the first time the following day and their parents are being invited to come—so that they can be registered. Considerable information is required about each first-grader and it is desired that this information be given before school starts.

There will be no county-wide teachers' meeting prior to the school opening. A number of meetings were held after the end of school in June and no general meeting is deemed necessary.

However, all teachers will be expected to be at their schools on the Tuesday after Labor Day. No great increase in enrollment is indicated this year, Mr. Pruitt said.

The Superintendent said that school bus inspections would be held Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in several garages. This inspection is required by law. Three are held yearly, one before the opening of school.

All county school bus drivers are required to take physical examinations before school opens. Dates are now being arranged with examining physicians for the check-ups.

Child, Struck By Automobile, Is Not Seriously Injured

Four-year-old Carolyn Ann Umbel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Umbel, N. Seton Ave., escaped without serious injury about 7:50 o'clock last Saturday night when struck by an automobile on U. S. Rt. 15 in front of her home.

State Trooper 1-c Kenneth Bond took the child to Annie Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa., where she was treated for concussion and multiple abrasions and cuts. She was discharged after treatment.

Trooper Bond said the car was driven by John W. Bream, 18, Rt. 1, Orttanna, Pa. He said he is continuing his investigation but indications are that the child ran into the path of the car. No charges had been placed against Bream.

Solon Wants New Expressway Expedited

Emphasis has been placed by Rep. Fallon, Baltimore, on the importance of construction of the new Frederick-Washington Expressway because of important national defense facilities, including Camp Ritchie. Rep. Fallon is chairman of the House subcommittee on Maryland roads.

The legislator also maintains that the new highway is of vital importance inasmuch as it carries much Washington traffic as well as traffic from W. Virginia and Pennsylvania and is the main highway into Washington from the West.

Completion of the Frederick-Washington and the Washington-Annapolis highways was urged by Rep. Fallon in a letter to Gov. Lane and Robert M. Reindollar, chairman of the State Roads Commission.

Gov. Lane has advised Mr. Fallon that he referred his suggestion to the State Roads Commission and requested that information pertaining to rights-of-way for these roads be forwarded to him.

Chairman Reindollar assured Rep. Fallon that the commission "is aware of the situation on the roads involved and will take all necessary action in connection to this matter."

Staff Sgt. James L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, who was stationed in Tokyo for the past three years, has arrived in Korea. He is with the Eighth Air Force.

N. SETON AVE. HOMES SEWERED BY PROJECT

Residents of N. Seton Ave. will no longer be troubled with the sewer problem that has been a constant bone of contention between them and the Town Council, as the result of announcement of the Town Solons, meeting in regular session Tuesday night in the Fire Hall.

Announcement was made of the construction of a large septic tank, installed on the avenue this week, and that it will be put into operation as soon as possible.

Another source of agitation was removed to the satisfaction of the parties concerned, when this week, the sewer connection of the Alan Gelwicks' property on E. Main St., was altered. For some time now, this drainage problem has confronted the Corporation. It seemed that every time a heavy downpour occurred, the main sewer leading to that property backed up, flooding the premises and doing considerable damage to the Gelwicks property.

A bill of \$5412.22, presented by L. Waesche, for the repaving of DePaul St., was ordered paid.

A communication from the Potomac-Edison Co. was read and stated that provided permission was received from the State Forestry Board and local property holders, those trees which have been shading the street lights, would be trimmed at company expense. Alleys adjacent to the properties of Carson and Thomas J. Frailey, were ordered patched and tarred.

Samuel C. Hays was given the job of retrenching the large run running parallel to N. Seton Ave. on the north side. For years this stream has been overflowing on occasions, causing heavy damages to gardens and property on this street. Work on it will begin immediately.

Stagnated pools of water were ordered chlorinated near the playground and Flat Run in East End. Installation of drain pipe will be begun shortly on the recently graded addition to the Firemen's lot, which is used for picnic grounds. A request by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to rope off DePaul St. for a block party on Aug. 25 and 26, was granted.

Sanitarian Bruchey was in town this week and is co-operating with Town Officials in the removal of several outhouses in the corporation limits and also the possible installation of a public toilet in the local theater.

Mrs. T. J. Frailey Hostess To Ladies of Camelot

The Ladies of Camelot, of Washington, D. C., an auxiliary of the Knights of the Round Table, an organization based on Lord Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," inspired by the personality and achievement of the mythical King Arthur and the Loyal Knights of the Round Table, held their annual outdoor meeting, with luncheon, on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Frailey on last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Frailey, the hostess on this occasion, joined the organization through the membership of her husband, a charter member of the Washington unit of the Round Table, which was instituted in the District of Columbia in 1922. The organization has Round Table groups throughout the United States and Canada.

Mrs. Ruth B. Roberts, president of the Washington Auxiliary unit, called the meeting to order, following the luncheon and announced the program of entertainment, which included contests, with Mrs. Jeanetta F. Peters in charge. Prizes were awarded to contest winners. Eighteen ladies and members of the Round Table were present for this annual event.

Richard Frock, Gene Toms, Harold Keilholtz, Jack McLaughlin and Clifford Meskill attended the State of Maryland FFA convention held at the University of Maryland recently.