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Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

So you think things on the political front, locally speaking, are too serene? Well, the fireworks will begin shortly, I am informed. Both parties are girding themselves for the "big push." The GOP has been meeting frequently during the past few months. The Democrats, apparently unconcerned, have decided to throw everything in but the kitchen sink during the next four concluding weeks. Without a doubt, Emmitsburgians will get plenty of opportunities to see the "stars" in action this month, as both parties are contemplating on having their "big guns" come here for addresses. As usual, the county has a registered Democratic majority, but that same majority has been dwindling steadily away the past four years until now the difference in numbers is almost negligible.

Emmitsburg, the county's second largest voting district, is on the whistle-stop agenda of most of the candidates, and can you blame them for not passing up this potential voting section? More and more each year, county politicians are learning the prudence of visiting us and chatting with the populace. Years ago candidates never bothered to come here, but now that we have grown to the status of second largest in the county, they dare not pass us up. We're mighty pleased to have them come here, regardless of their affiliation. Don't forget folks, if you have not yet registered, Saturday morning is the deadline. You must go to Frederick to register as there are no provisions for you here in Emmitsburg. That's the law, so don't blame our local Democrats or Republicans for it.

Yes, the campaign is waxing hot and I get a big kick out of most of the candidates, nationally, daring one another to bare their bank accounts. Any day at all now, I expect it to become the fashion in Frederick County—or Maryland. The "boys" go to great lengths to find suitable descriptive phrases for their opponents and some of them are really gems in phraseology. They really almost make an insult seem like flattery. It takes you a while to decipher some of the oxers.

Reminiscing over Harry Truman's last battle and subsequent election, we recall that he carried 28 states, piling up a popular vote of 24,105,812, while his opponent, Tom Dewey, was favored by 16 states for a total popular vote of 21,970,065, some two million less than Mr. Truman, the winner. While I think the election will be close, I don't think that the Democrats have slipped that much in the past four years.

In recent years this old gal feels that the Pentagon has had far too much power in government say-so. In fact that seems to be the trouble with most bureaus in the Capital. To get back to the original idea in establishing these departments, we recall that they primarily were supposed to advise the President and his cabinet as to the goings-on in the country and that it should never itself exercise command directly or indirectly. However, in recent times we seem to have lost sight of this fact, and I feel that many of these departments are exercising their authority too far, principally the Pentagon. These facts undoubtedly will be revealed during the coming presidential campaign.

Let's give our local Boy Scouts a boost friends! They are planning to build a clubhouse and need all the donations of money, material and mechanical help they can get. If you care to volunteer your services or money, contact the scoutmaster, Frank Wastler in the near future.

ENLISTS IN ARMY

George B. Callan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bernard Callan, Frederick, enlisted in the Army on Sept. 4. He has been sent to Camp Breckinridge, Ky., for basic training. Pvt. Callan is a June graduate of Mt. St. Mary's College, and was well-known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reifsnider and son, Wayne, Keyville, Md., visited on Sunday with Mrs. Reifsnider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ashbaugh.

Voters Urged To Study Vital Amendment

When Maryland voters go to the polls on Nov. 4 they will be able to cast at least one vote about which there is no clash of political parties, of personalities, or of viewpoints.

Leading Marylanders in both political parties join with leading business and professional men in support of an amendment to the State Constitution which would authorize the use, in Maryland government, of the "program budget" system.

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, a Republican, has approved the proposed changes. So has Baltimore's Democratic mayor, Thomas D'Alesandro. The State Legislature, which has a Democratic majority and a strong Republican minority, last February voted overwhelmingly to ask popular approval of the amendment.

Outside of official circles, William J. Casey, chairman of the board of directors of the Maryland Trust Co. and former head of Baltimore City's privately-supported Efficiency and Economy Commission, says, with respect to the amendment:

"Taxpayers who have to make ends meet in their own affairs would like to have some way of knowing how the state government progresses with the same task. What the state is doing and has yet to do with tax dollars can only be revealed by a modern budget system. To get this facility it is necessary to adopt the constitutional amendment permitting such a system. It is labelled on your ballot 'program budget amendment.' So a vote for this amendment is a vote for good housekeeping in state management."

S. Page Nelson, banker and former president of the Baltimore Association of Commerce, says:

"The budget amendment question makes sense in that it should simplify and clarify the budget, making it more understandable and up-to-date."

Til now, the budget has been served up to the legislature in cumbersome, outdated, line-by-line and item-by-item form. Last year, it added up to some 5000 separate entries for the salaries, office expenses, rent, etc. of some hundred state agencies. And each agency had to estimate these items way ahead of time—as much as 22 months in advance. The lawmaker couldn't see the budget for its items.

In 1950, Gov. McKeldin appointed a non-partisan commission to survey and streamline the Maryland state government. This commission on administrative organization, known as the Sobeloff Commission, recommended several important steps to better state budgeting. One was for a single, overall unified budget to be presented annually instead of at least three gangling, separately-timed budgets. Last February, following the Sobeloff Commission proposal, the legislature adopted this plan.

Another recommendation is to translate into terms of public services a budget which has till now been expressed in thousands of separate line items. In order to adopt this plan a constitutional amendment which requires the vote of the people, is necessary. So this last important step in streamlining Maryland's budget is up to the voters to cast their vote for the "program budget amendment" on their ballots this fall. By doing this they complete the chain of effecting a simpler more economic financial program for the state. And they give both legislators and taxpayers a much better picture of what public money is buying in public service.

A daughter was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Orndorff, at the Warner Hospital, Gettysburg.

Marriage License Issued
A marriage license was issued at Westminster this week to Newton O. Sharrer and Nettie O. Englar, Rocky Ridge.

RETURNS HOME AFTER FOUR YEAR'S STAY

David J. Kerrigan, ET/1, USN, is flying home today from San Francisco, Calif., after four years of service in the U. S. Navy, the last two of which were spent in Japan. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward Kerrigan, his parents, are planning on meeting their son at the Washington airport this evening.

Sally Sullivan, Baltimore, visited with her aunts, Mrs. Anna Thompson and Mrs. Nellie Sullivan, over the weekend.

Democrats Lead In County Registration

Democrats took a slight registration lead in Frederick County as the final week for registration prior to the presidential election got under way, according to unofficial figures compiled at the office of the county's Board of Registry.

The figures compiled, showed 1,348 Democrats registered since the first of the year as compared to 1,320 Republicans, 69 persons who declined to affiliate and one Socialist. The Republicans led in the registration for some time.

The totals do not include any political party breakdown on the 110 persons who registered Monday. The registration continues today and tomorrow morning with day hours only in force. The deadline is noon on Saturday.

According to the best available figures, which may be subject to slight revision, the Democratic registration total in the county entering the final week was 15,891 as compared to 13,010 for the GOP. Democratic majority is 2,881 to date.

This apparently was continuing the slight Democratic decline in book majority which has occurred over the past four years. The Democratic majority in 1948 was 3,416. This dropped to an even 3,000 in 1950. It may get back to that figure this week, with a heavy registration expected.

The total number of voting eligibles will be 3,000 to 4,000 more than in 1950 when the figure was down to 25,460 from 29,750 in 1948. That occurred when hundreds of names were stricken from the registration books because the persons had not voted once in five years.

The latest available total for the current year is 29,171 and it seems like a good bet that there will be nearly 30,000 on the rolls, subject to strike-offs for deaths, by the end of the registration period Saturday.

Members of the Registry Board said that following the closing of the books complete official figures will be compiled for the various districts of the county.

Alumnae Chapter Plans Benefit Rummage Sale

An autumn event of local interest is the second annual Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Chapter of St. Joseph College Alumnae, to be held October 3-4 in the Old Citizens Trust Co. building, 38 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg. Hours are: today, 12 noon til 9 p. m. and tomorrow, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Herman Frasch is chairman of the affair, Miss Ann Faber heads the clerks' committee and the rummage is in charge of Miss Mary Louise Callahan, all are from Gettysburg.

Miss Dian Shuff, a graduate of Gettysburg High School, Class of 1952, has enrolled as a student at the Ken-Delle School of Cosmetology, Harrisburg, Pa.

Woodsboro Man Accused of Assault

Charles David Baumgardner, Woodsboro, was jailed in default of \$1000 last Wednesday night on a charge of assault.

Sheriff R. Paul Buhrman's office in Frederick was called earlier in the evening by Mrs. Baumgardner, saying her husband had run her out of the house with a shotgun and was barricaded within where a three month old infant was unprotected.

State Trooper Kenneth Bond and Officer Koontz of Emmitsburg, were requested to cooperate with Deputy Sheriff Fox, in arresting Baumgardner. When they arrived at the house, they found the alleged terrorizer asleep in bed.

Officials said Baumgardner had been drinking and was in a belligerent mood.

Objects To GOP Rule

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor—
I wish someone would tell me how many Republican presidents had war in their tenure. We all know who had the last four. If you want war and high taxes, keep it up; if you don't, break it up!

CHARLIE SHORB
P. O. Box 154

CHARLES HENRY BAKER

Charles Henry Baker, Gettysburg, Rt. 1, died at 3:45 p. m. Monday at the Annie Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa., after an immediate illness of six days at the age of 79. He had been in ill health for some years.

He was a son of the late James E. and Elizabeth Wivell Baker.

Mr. Baker was a former resident of Emmitsburg where he operated a shoe business. For the past seven years he has lived with a daughter and worked as salesman for the Raleigh Co.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Mr. Baker's first wife, Kathryn Soffer Baker, predeceased him by 41 years. His second wife, Gertrude Baker Baker, died eight years ago.

Surviving are the following children by his first marriage: Mrs. Clement Redding, Gettysburg, Pa.; Myrl S., Baltimore; Guy A., Emmitsburg; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday at 8:30 at the home of Guy Baker with further services at 9 a. m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Rev. Michael O'Brien officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery, S. L. Allison, funeral director.

The Rosary was recited by friends Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Glen Springer, P-TA President, Names Committees

The first regular meeting of the new year of the Emmitsburg Public School Parent-Teachers Association, was held in the cafeteria of the school last Wednesday evening. President Glenn Springer presided at the session and had Mrs. Mary Hoke introduce the following elementary teachers: Mrs. Anna Leary, first grade; Miss Edna Stull, second grade; Mrs. Helen Walter, third grade; Miss Mary Fiery, third and fourth grades; Miss Helen Martin, fourth and fifth grades; Mrs. Doris Ziebell, fifth and sixth grades; Mrs. Mary Scott, sixth grade. High school teachers include Mr. Jones, Mrs. Hazel Caldwell, Mrs. Alma Jones, Mrs. Mary Hoke, Miss Ruth Stull, Mr. Carlos Englar, Mr. Eugene Wood, Mrs. Ethel Little and Mr. William Baker.

It was decided to hold the meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month and to have a planned program for the year. The attendance banner was won by Mrs. Scott's class for having the most parents in attendance. Dues are payable to Mrs. John D. White, treasurer for the association. President Springer named the following committees for the ensuing school year: Delegates to County Council, Mr. Wood, Mr. Jones, Glenn Springer, George L. Wilhide and Samuel C. Hays. Alternates appointed are John D. White, Helen Martin, Mrs. Mamie Hays, Mrs. Alma Jones and Mrs. Mary Hoke. Budget and finance: John D. White, chairman, Glenn Springer, George L. Wilhide. Membership: Mrs. John White, chairman, Mrs. Mary Hoke and Roland Frock. Publicity and public relations: Mrs. Mary Scott, chairman, Helen Martin, Mrs. Helen Daugherty. Playground and safety: Norman J. Shriver, chairman, John Fuss and Kenneth D. Bond. Program: Mrs. John Richards, chairman, Mrs. Andrew Eyster, co-chairman, Mrs. Hazel Caldwell, Miss Ruth Stull and Mr. William Baker. School improvement: Arvin P. Jones, chairman, Morris A. Zentz, Clarence E. Hahn, Andrew S. Eyster, Harry Troxell, Luther Cregger and Harry Wantz. Activities: Mrs. Roy Sanders, chairman, Mrs. Charles Valentine, co-chairman, Mrs. Paul Beale, Mrs. Robert Fietz, Miss Edna Stull, Mrs. A. L. Leary, Carlos Englar and Mrs. Alma Jones. Hospitality and refreshments: Mrs. Merle F. Keilholz, chairman, Mrs. George L. Wilhide, co-chairman, Mrs. Luther Cregger, Mrs. Harry McNair, Mrs. Ethel Little, Mrs. John Fuss, Mrs. Clarence E. Hahn, Mrs. Edgar Emrich, Mrs. Leonard Zimmerman, Mrs. Helen Walter and Miss Mary Fiery.

MARRIED 57 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Eyer, Gettysburg R. D. 1, were guests of honor at a dinner Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Walter Ohler, Baltimore, in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary. In addition to Mrs. Ohler, other children of the couple are John Eyer, Baltimore; Mrs. Burton Witherow, Gettysburg; Mrs. Edgar Mullen, Emmitsburg; and Mrs. Melvin Hankey, Littlestown. They have 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Mr. Eyer is actively engaged in farming. Both he and his wife are 77.

Tunnel Project Loses Secrecy

There no longer is much secrecy about the underground tunnel at the so-called "emergency Pentagon" near Emmitsburg.

On their days off, workers at the underground fortress take their wives and girl friends on tours of the supposedly "secret" project.

Known officially as the Fort Ritchie project, this installation is to be used along with receiving and sending stations near Tighmanton, Frederick County, and near Greencastle, Franklin County, as an emergency communication center, with links to all corners of the earth, should the Pentagon in Washington be wiped out by enemy bombs.

Officials in some of the highest echelons this week admitted that no real effort has been made to impose security regulations. Steel beams are being set into place in the catacombed belly of Raven Rock. The steel beams will form the framework of a several-story "second Pentagon" which contractors say will be completed by next summer.

Supervisors of contracting concerns on the site have admitted that salesmen and equipment servicemen have been permitted entrance to the tunnel and cave without having to display any credentials.

Lt. Col. W. A. McCutcheon, head of the Washington area engineers, a supervising echelon of the Ritchie project, said it was impossible to keep a job secret when bids must be openly advertised. "If we allotted contracts privately, the project would undoubtedly cost at least two times its present cost," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Pius Kelly and children, Thomas, Lewis and Charlene, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hetrick, all of Newry, Pa., spent the weekend at the home of Mr. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kelly.

Selected To Head Demo Campaign In Emmitsburg



LUMEN F. NORRIS

Active in local Democratic politics, Mr. Norris was this week appointed campaign manager for the Democrats in the Emmitsburg District, the county's second largest voting district.

Frederick Sets Parade Date

The line of march for the Frederick Halloween parade on the evening of Friday, Oct. 31, was fixed at a meeting of the Halloween Observance Committee in Frederick this week.

The parade, it was announced, will move off promptly at 7:30 p. m. from Seventh St., proceeding south on N. Market to Church St., then west on W. Church to Court Square, where it will disband. The judges' stand will be located on the corner of West Second and North Market Street.

Parade details will be worked out between the chief marshal, Alton Y. Bennett and Chief of Police Charles V. Main.

Grange Urges Heavy Voting

The Emmitsburg Grange is much concerned about the laxity on the part of the voters in this district and is campaigning to urge all eligible citizens to "get out and vote." If you have not already registered you still have one more chance to do so before the deadline Saturday noon.

Car Damaged In Wreck

An automobile operated by Franklin E. Riffe, 24, of Thurmonth, ran off the Emmitsburg Road, five miles south of Gettysburg at 1:30 a. m. last Friday and struck a telephone pole, injuring Riffe and a passenger, Alfred B. Ecker, 25, also of Thurmonth, according to state police of the Gettysburg station.

Police said Riffe was driving a 1942 Buick sedan south on the Emmitsburg Road and apparently fell asleep just after crossing the bridge at Marsh Creek. He was treated at the Warner Hospital for a laceration of his chin, and Ecker was treated for cuts above the right eye.

Later Riffe was arraigned before Justice of Peace Robert P. Snyder and paid a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of reckless driving. Damage to his automobile was estimated at \$300 and to the pole, owned by the United Telephone Co., at \$75.

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State Teachers Will Convene In Baltimore

Twelve thousand Maryland teachers will again make Baltimore their headquarters when they convene for the 85th annual convention of the Maryland State Teachers Assn. on Oct. 16, 17, and 18.

The Fifth Regiment Armory will house an exhibit in which more than 200 school suppliers will participate.

Dr. Willard E. Goslin, dean of George Peabody College for Teachers of Nashville, Tenn., will speak at the first general session on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 2:00 p. m. His topic will be "Free Schools for Free Men." Dr. Goslin is former superintendent of schools at Pasadena, Calif., and he is best known for his courageous stand during the attacks on the school systems of that city.

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr. of Baltimore, will extend greetings at this session, and Dr. Earle T. Hawkins, president of Towson State Teachers College and president of the State Teachers Assn., will deliver a message to the educators of the state.

At the second general meeting scheduled for Friday, Oct. 17, at 9:30 a. m., the teachers will be addressed by Miss Waurine Walker, assistant director of the Division of Professional Standards, Texas Education Agency. Miss Walker is former chairman of the Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards of the National Education Assn. "From One Teacher to Another" will be her topic.

Dr. Thomas G. Pullen Jr., state superintendent of schools, and Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin will greet the Maryland educators at this session.

Stuart Chase, internationally known author and lecturer, will speak at the final general session to be held at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Mr. Chase will discuss "Road to Agreement."

Officers for 1952-53 will be elected at the annual business meeting of the association to be held on Saturday at 8:30 a. m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

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A birthday party was held Monday evening, Sept. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Springer in honor of their daughter, Audrey, who celebrated her 11th birthday. After an evening of games, refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Becky and Barbara Naille, Sue Eyster, Sandra Keilholz, Susan Daugherty, Margaret Neighbours, Becky Hays, Jaet Hedges, Patty Jean Bowers, Martha Baumgardner, Susan McLaughlin, Louise Campbell, and Janet, Audrey, and Katherine Springer.

Benefit Party

A benefit card party is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9, by the Annie Warner Hospital Auxiliary, Gettysburg, Pa. The affair will be held at the Moose Home, York Street, starting at 2 p. m. All types of cards will be played including canasta, "500," bridge, and pitch. Lovely door prizes also will be awarded, according to Mrs. Harry Boyle, a member of the executive board of the auxiliary.

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Local Democrats Plan Campaign Activities Here

Emmitsburg Democrats are planning to throw their local campaign into high gear and are making an all-out effort to get out the vote.

Tuesday evening a representative group of the local Democratic organization met at the home of Lumen F. Norris, to map out plans for the coming election. Mr. J. L. Nester, president of the local organization presided at the meeting and it was unanimously decided that Mr. Norris should lead the drive for registrants and voters.

The drive will not be sporadic, but will be a hard-hitting, intensive affair, with steady pressure being applied. It is planned to rent a headquarters centrally located and to keep it open daily with attendants in charge. Mr. Norris stated he would decide on the location of the Stevenson Sparkman headquarters for the first of next week.

In an effort to see that as many as possible are being registered, the committee hired a bus which made a trip to Frederick yesterday and will make another today. Saturday, the last day, to register, Mr. Norris said that transportation would be provided for anyone desiring it if they would contact him.

At a later date it is planned to hold a giant rally, to which the public will be invited to hear distinguished speakers. Plans are now under way to have the candidate for Senate, George P. Mahoney, and Mrs. Stella Werner, candidate for Congress from the Sixth Congressional District, to be present at the affair, the location of which will be announced just as soon as possible. Mrs. Werner will address the Thurmont Democrats on October 13, at 7:30 p. m. in the American Legion Home, Thurmont. Local Democrats are invited to the affair. Following the meeting refreshments were served.

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