

Merry Christmas

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Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

Well now that the Christmas season is here and everybody is in a favorable and forgiving mood, I think now would be the appropriate time for me to make amends for the misinformation I gave you last week. Seems as though I was misinformed about who ran the eating stand at Rainbow Lake during the recent deer hunting season. I reported that Bob Stonesifer had the doings of the deal. Well he was in a way, in charge of the enterprise, but where I was in error was that he was operating it for the benefit of the Conservation Club and the funds went to that group and not himself. Sorry.

I was happy to see that some individuals took my hint and proceeded to do some more Christmas decorating on their own. In last week's column I suggested that individuals or organizations pick up where the Town left off on the decorations and I was really tickled this week to see that more lights had been strung across East Main St., I imagine by cooperative and sympathetic people. At any rate East End of town is now just about complete as far as decorations are concerned and the effort is greatly appreciated and adds so much to the attractiveness of the town. Now then, is the East End going to show up the rest of the town? A string of lights doesn't cost very much folks, especially if you share the expense with another neighbor. What's say? Yeah and I have noticed that the solitary tree on the Square sort of looks lost. Three more would enhance the appearance considerably.

Be sure to take a look at the Christmas ads this week folks. Most of the merchants have placed these advertise-ment devoid of sales appeal, just as a friendly greeting to you, their friends and patrons. They feel that they owe this week to you, the public, and have therefore cut out just about all of the sales appeal of the ads in order to deliver their friendly message to you at this time of the year. There are really some cute verses on some of them and it will be well worth your while to take the time and read them.

Concerning Christmas cards, I imagine that I am just about like the rest of you. I love to receive them but I'm not too keen to have to return them. Each year I avow that I'll not send another one. But when the tide of them come swarming in, I, like most of you, relent and scurry about looking for my list left over from last year. No sooner than I have completed the ordeal than I hurriedly try to catch up with the new ones. There are additional ones each year. Suddenly I am caught in the spirit of the thing, after a two-week deluge of cards and I rush back to the postoffice in reciproca-tion for each new card I receive. I really enjoy receiving them but one of these years I am going to burn my list and start anew. It becomes a bit voluminous after a few years you know . . . but then I suppose it's all a part of Christmas and while on this theme I'd like to take this opportunity of wishing you readers and the balance of the staff a very Merry Christmas.

LAST SATURDAY

Dennis Manahan—\$47.80

TODAY

\$222.00

This week and next week drawing will be held at 3 p. m., on Fridays.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Fissel, Greenmount, Pa., at the Warner Hospital last Thursday.

Christmas Parade Set For Today

An estimated 1000 children from the Emmitsburg District will enjoy the annual Christmas Party to be held today. The affair has been sponsored for the past 26 years by the Lions Club, Homemakers' Club, Town Council and most local merchants.

The program gets under way at 11 o'clock this morning with a free movie at the Gem Theater, followed at noon time with a free meal in the Fire Hall.

General chairman of the affair, Herbert W. Roger, announced that members of the Lions Club, Vigilant Hose Company, Police Chief Daniel J. Kaas and State Trooper 1/c Donald A. Tucker met at the Fire Hall early this week and packed several hundred pounds of candy for the kiddies.

A free time has been included in the program in order to allow parents to shop. This period has been scheduled from 1 to 2 p. m.

Following the shopping period the big parade will take place with Santa Claus participating. The parade will be marshaled by the Emmitsburg Police Dept., followed by the Municipal Band, Santa Claus and the children. The parade will form at the Doughboy in West End and will march to the Square where Santa will begin the distribution of free gifts.

Fire Chief John J. Hollinger reports he has been in close contact with Santa Claus and guarantees that he will not be late this year. The Chief will personally escort Santa from his landing field atop Carrick's Knob, to town.

Christmas music will be amplified on the Square throughout the day and the regular Christmas church services will be held later in the evening.

Alumni Dance

The Sportsmen will furnish the music for the annual Christmas Dance sponsored by the Alumni Association of Emmitsburg High School, it has been announced by the committee in charge.

The affair will take place Tuesday evening, Dec. 28 starting at 9 p. m. Alumni and friends are invited to attend the annual event.

CLUB FORMED

The Mothers' Club of St. Anthony's School was formed last Sunday at a social held in the school. The Sisters were present to welcome the group and the mothers met in the classrooms to view work the children have done and which was displayed.

Hostesses to the group were Mrs. Vernon Barbe, Mrs. Raymond Etheridge, Mrs. John M. Roddy, Jr., and Mrs. William E. Sanders. Hostesses from Thurmont included Mrs. Raymond Felix, Mrs. Ray Dominique and Mrs. Nelson Trout. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ernest Seltzer, Mrs. Lewis Kreitz, Mrs. Gerald Orosz and Mrs. Helen Eyer.

Taney Will Favors School

The will of Miss Alice Taney was probated Monday in the Orphans Court for Frederick County. No valuation has been made on the estate of Miss Taney who died December 16.

The will was signed July 9, 1946 and witnessed by Alice S. Shorb and Frank W. Weant and it names Katherine Taney Silverson and Clifford A. Taney, Jr., as executors.

The instrument bequeaths \$500 to Sister Elizabeth Estelle Taney, of the Order of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Joseph Central House, Emmitsburg, if living. And to St. Anthony's Catholic School \$2,000 to be used by the managers of the school at their discretion.

The residue is to be divided equally between the children of the testator's eldest brother, Clifford A. Taney, Sr., late resident of Minneapolis, Minn. They are Katherine Taney Silverson, Cora Taney Van Campen, Clara Taney Will, Roger Brooke Taney Sr., and Clifford A. Taney, Jr.

Death Claims Member Of Mount St. Mary's Faculty

Rev. Dr. John F. Cogan, 63, professor of philosophy at Mount St. Mary's College, where he formerly had served as dean and vice president, died at noon on Tuesday in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, where he had been a patient for a week.

Father Cogan had been in ill health for a year and last week returned to the Brooklyn Hospital. His death, however, was unexpected.



DR. JOHN F. COGAN

The deceased was a native of Wilmington, Del., and was graduated from Mt. St. Mary's in 1914 and received his M.A. from the seminary in 1916. He was ordained in 1918. During his seminary days he taught at the college and helped coach the minims in baseball and football. After ordination he returned as a regular member of the staff, interrupting his teaching to continue his studies at Collegio Angelico in Rome, from which he received his Ph.D. in 1927.

Returning to the Mount, Father Cogan became professor of philosophy and an administrative officer. In the intervening years while he continued to teach, he also held the vice presidency of the institution and dean of studies, from which he retired a few years ago. He served also as chairman of the Athletic Council and moderator of such campus organizations as the Pridwin and Echo staffs, The Monogram Club, Athletic Assn., and the Monsignor Tierney Honor Society.

Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. L. Sheridan, president of Mount St. Mary's, at Our Lady of Angels Church, Brooklyn, this morning at 9:30 a. m. The body will be returned to Emmitsburg and will be on view at Mt. St. Mary's College Saturday and Sunday nights from 7 to 10 p. m. A solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated Monday morning at 10:30 a. m. by Msgr. John L. Sheridan and a sermon will be delivered by Msgr. William F. Culhane. Interment will be made in the college cemetery.

Members of the lay faculty of the college will be pallbearers.

Annual Summary Of Local Police Dept. Shows Activity

The Emmitsburg Police Dept. this week released a summary of its activities from January to the present date.

The report discloses that 131 traffic violations (state) were handled, nine of which were dismissed and one the fines and costs were suspended. These cases, all of which were state motor vehicle code infractions, brought \$1,902.85 to the state treasury.

Twenty violations of Emmitsburg ordinances were handled and the fines netted the town treasury \$152.20. In addition nine criminal cases were tried and fines levied totaling \$114.00. All infractions of the law were tried before Magistrate Charles D. Gillelan of Emmitsburg and all charges were preferred by Police Chief Daniel J. Kaas.

J. Ledlie Gloninger left last week for Bradenton Beach, Fla., where he will spend the winter months.

In one year, 1860-61, eleven states seceded from the Union.

Christmas Meditation

What's the Christmas Spirit, Daddy?" The child peered gravely over the magazine where she had found these words, confidently awaiting an answer.

"Well, girl, it's . . . it's a lot of things, big and small. And hard as you'll find it to believe, Santa Claus is part of the small. You see, the Christmas Spirit isn't likely to visit you when you're knee-deep in your own pleasure; you've got to be heart-deep in kindness!

"Remember how bleak and barren Main Street looked early this month? And you know how it looks now, with the wintry harshness all shut out by those evergreen arches, and strings of lights. Well, that's sorta like the way the Christmas Spirit changes people . . . and towns . . . and the world. It takes all the grey coldness out of streets, and human hearts—and brings in something fine and fragrant like evergreen; something bright and sparkling like those streamer-lights of red and green and frosty-blue. It stirs up the best part of human nature, that's usually buried too far down. It turns on a long, warm, friendly smile inside of us.

"Remember the midnight service at church last year? There, more than anywhere else, you'll feel the touch of the Christmas Spirit. So many things play a part in it—the crisp silence of the night . . . the lights of the church, throwing long, golden patterns across the snow . . . frosty breath in the starlight, and faces rosy-fresh in the cold . . . a certain closeness and warmth that you'll never find anywhere—except at a Christmas midnight service.

"And then, girl, when you stand with the others and throw all your being into one of those great Christmas Carols, and the organ has a silver sound you never heard before, with your heart riding on its melody—then the Christmas Spirit is all around you, like a gentle snowfall. And your thoughts are soaring far, far above all the glitter and surface-shine of Christmas, up and out through the midnight stretches searching the skies for the Star of Bethlehem.

"It's—so much more than I can say, and what I've said is probably hard for you to understand, but—"

She smiled across at him, her eyes shining in the lamp-glow. "I do understand, sorta better, anyway . . . and it is even more wonderful than Santa Claus, isn't it Daddy!"

And the winter wind whispered outside the window, envious of the bright glory within—for the radiance of the Christmas Spirit was with them, there in the room . . .

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Sunday School Has Christmas Party

The Junior Sunday School Class of Tom's Creek Church held its Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baumgardner Sunday evening. The following pupils were present: Betty Ann, Velma, Kenneth, Robert, and Eric Glass, Fred Rebert, Robert Bentz, Fred Grimes,

Nancy Valentine, Richard Toms, Mead Fuss, Beulah McKinsey, Virginia Baumgardner. Guests were Susan McLaughlin, Robert Mumma and Donald Wantz. The evening was spent playing games and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Baumgardner, the teacher, and Mrs. Maurice Moser.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

"Glory to God in the Highest
and on Earth . . ." —Luke II-14



Christmas comes as a reminder, to nations as well as to individuals, that the promise of peace on earth is coupled with good will toward men.

Obituaries

MRS. LUCY B. BOLLINGER

Mrs. Lucy Bertha Bollinger, 78, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Hawk, near town Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Her husband, William H. Bollinger, died last April 4.

Mrs. Bollinger was the daughter of the late Philip and Mary (Wise) Lawrence. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

She is survived by five sons, Allen Bollinger, Taneytown; Elmer Bollinger, Thurmont; Percy Bollinger, Taneytown; Charles Bollinger, Emmitsburg, and Joseph Bollinger, Littlestown, Pa.; three daughters, Mrs. Bernard H. Boyle, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Norbert Wivell, Thurmont, and Mrs. Earl Hawk; 53 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Rose Zeigler, Baltimore.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning meeting at the home at 8:30 o'clock, followed by a Requiem Mass at 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with Rev. Fr. John D. Sullivan officiating. Interment was in Mountview Cemetery, Emmitsburg. S. L. Allison, funeral director.

MRS. GEORGE BYERS

Mrs. Nettie Grant Byers, 88, Waynesboro, Pa., died last Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of a nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Fairfield R. D. A widow of George Byers, she had been in ill health for a number of years.

Mrs. Byers was a native of Freedom Twp. and was a daughter of the late George M. and Louisa (Wolford) Patterson. She was a member of the Waynesboro Lutheran Church.

The only survivors are nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Allison Funeral Home, Fairfield, with Dr. B. Clinton Ritz, her pastor, officiating. Interment in Mountview Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Pallbearers were John Eiker, Norman Riley, Walter Kugler, Alfonso Pecher, Lawrence Shriner and Nelson L. Trough.

ALICE LOUISE TANEY

Miss Alice Louise Taney, 81, great-great-niece of the former U. S. Chief Justice Roger Taney and the last of that line in this section, was found dead last Thursday morning, Dec. 16, about 10:30 o'clock in her home near St. Anthony's. Death was attributed to coronary thrombosis.

With a sister, Miss Taney a number of years ago unveiled a monument to Francis Scott Key at Frederick. Key was a native of Carroll County and married a member of the Taney family.

She was a daughter of the late Edward S. and Clara (McBride) Taney and was the last of that family.

Funeral services were held Monday morning with friends meeting at the home at 9:30, followed by a requiem mass at 10 o'clock at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Vincent Tomalski officiating. Interment in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Pallbearers were Harry Scott, Joseph Scott, John Walter, Richard McCullough, Michael Wasilifsky and Adolph Wasilifsky. S. L. Allison, funeral director.

Special Choir Music For Church Services

Special music by the choirs of Elias Lutheran Church will be presented at the Traditional Candlelighting Service Christmas Eve starting at 11 o'clock. The Youth and Chapel Choirs are directed by Mrs. Reginald Zepp. In addition, Richard Frock will be the soloist for the Christmas Eve Service. Rev. Philip Bower, pastor, will bring a short message, "The Dawn of A New Day."

On Sunday morning all three choirs, directed by Mrs. Zepp, will sing, and Mr. John Basehoar, Gettysburg will be a guest soloist at this service. On Sunday morning, Rev. Bower's message will be "The Power of Jesus Name."

George Sprigg, Camp Hill, Pa., spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wivell.

Nevada was the thirty-sixth state admitted to the Union.

Decorations Will Be Judged Friday Night

The judging of Emmitsburg's Christmas decorations will take place Friday evening, Dec. 31 from 8 to 10 p. m., it was announced at the regular monthly meeting of the Emmitsburg Chamber of Commerce held Monday night in the Fire Hall, Secretary C. A. Elder presiding in the absence of the president, Cloyd W. Seiss.

The monetary awards will be the same as in previous years, \$25.00 to be given to the winners in the commercial class and \$25 to the lucky winners of the residential classes. All those interested in the competition are asked to have their exhibits lighted for the judges between 8 and 10 p. m. Friday night.

Saturday Drawing Changed

The Chamber took action in changing the regular Saturday drawing date to this afternoon (Friday) at 3 p. m. Also the drawing for the following week will be held on Friday, Dec. 31 at 3 p. m. because most stores are closed on New Year's Day, Saturday.

The group authorized an allotment of up to \$50 to be made available to Herbert W. Roger, general chairman of a labor survey to be made after the first of the year. Several other organizations have expressed a willingness to allot money for the expenses of the survey, if needed.

Special Meeting

Announcement was made that the Saturday drawing contract expires next week and the Chamber of Commerce has engaged "Chick" Topper to "sound" out the members as to their desires of continuing or discontinuing the drawings. A drawing under local auspices was discussed but no action was taken. The Chamber has called a special meeting for this Monday night at 8:30 p. m., and asks all those merchants who are concerned with the drawing to please be present and it will be decided then whether the drawings will continue or not for another year. The \$5 draw prize was won by C. A. Elder.

Fire Destroys Barn, Feed And Machinery

Fire completely destroyed the combination dairy and bank barn on the Roy Valentine farm about two miles north of Rocky Ridge last Thursday night, Dec. 16. Origin of the blaze is undetermined.

Also lost in the building was a considerable amount of feed and farm machinery, namely, 1200 bales of hay; 125 bales of straw; 25 bags of dairy feed; a disc harrow, complanter, cultivators, graindrill, hay loader and a side-delivery rake.

The Vigilant Hose Co. had men on hand shortly after the alarm was sounded. Cause of the fire which caused an estimated \$15,000 is still undetermined but investigation is continuing. It was the second serious fire on the Valentine farm in three weeks.

On Nov. 29 a shed on the property containing straw and machinery, was completely destroyed. State Trooper 1/c H. J. Brown is investigating both conflagrations. Firemen stated there was a possibility that both of the fires were set deliberately.

The fire in the barn was discovered at about 8:30 p. m. last Thursday as the family was at home watching television. The blaze started in the upper section of the barn where hay, straw and feeds were stored. The family had sufficient time to lead 18 head of livestock to safety, later selling them at an auction this week, having no feed or storage facilities for them this winter.

Firemen from Emmitsburg, Thurmont and Rocky Ridge responded to the alarm and concentrated their efforts on saving outbuildings. Emmitsburg firemen attached a portable pump to a small stream and used the water to save a corn crib and other buildings. Thurmont firemen employed booster streams to keep a milk cooling shed next to the barn at the other end from igniting. The fire trucks replenished their booster tanks from a farm pond about two miles away.

Volunteers with the Rocky Ridge Fire Co. remained on duty all night.