

Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

Well another Christmas is now behind us, and a very happy one it was, for most of us. Friends and relatives, a lot of them whom we see but once a year, came visiting and made comfortable and interesting chatting. A real warm brotherly feeling envelopes most of us at this time of the year and we can lay away our cares and troubles for a short space of time.

This is all very well and pleasant to think about, but a trip to any hospital during this happy Yuletide will quickly show you that not everyone is going to enjoy Christmas. There are the sick and the dying, new babies being born and badly maimed accident cases being brought in. I took Christmas Day to visit an old friend at the hospital and it gave me plenty of time to think things over and also to discover that I was not as bad off as I had imagined. Just one trip up and down a hospital corridor and you'll discover the same thing. No it wasn't a happy Christmas for everyone—sure wasn't.

And how about those 500 who died of traffic and accidental deaths over the weekend? One of the highest fatality records ever compiled was recorded for Christmas weekend. Over 400 alone died in traffic mishaps, despite the millions of words of caution printed and delivered over television and radio. Safety posters by the millions and road signs in equal numerical quantity fail to swerve the rising tide of lives taken—needlessly. Take a state like Pennsylvania, which we all know has roads far superior to our own state. Well Pennsylvania was third highest in the nation in total number of vehicular fatalities over the weekend. What's the answer? I wish I knew, but just take a car out on the road and in less than 10 miles you'll know part of the answer. It's frightful and nerve-racking to observe some of the gross negligence and ignorance that some drivers display. There's got to be a way to stop this slaughter!

I was amazed to pick up the Baltimore paper Sunday and discover several families had been wiped out by fire during Christmas. Despite warnings by fire departments and experts in the line, most of these conflagrations, resulting in many deaths, were caused by faulty decorations; people leaving home to visit and leaving decorations lighted; hot bulbs resting on dry pine needles, etc. They not only pay for their ignorance but their families will pay for the duration of their lives, with sorrow and loss of income. It seems to me that perhaps states ought to devise some law requiring the manufacturers to make only non-inflammable Christmas articles and bar those little bulbs which become so very very hot, enough in fact to ignite trimmings. This is an open invitation to destruction! The abolishment of fireworks has saved many eyes and lives, so why couldn't something be done about Christmas? No, Christmas wasn't a happy one for everyone—but it could have been!

Well here comes New Year's and I'll be darned if I'll make any resolutions that can't be kept, so therefore there'll be no resolutions at all because I feel I haven't the willpower to keep them, so I'll go along in the same old rut, pestering you with this lousy column. Laying all jokes aside though, dear readers, it has been a real pleasure to be able to serve you. I receive a lot of compliments which go unnoticed by the boss and when I receive a "going over" he's certain to be sitting across from this typewriter, glaring at me and wondering if I'll be stupid enough to get him sued some day. Well you never can be certain about those things, but I can knock on wood so far and I do hope I can continue to be of service to you during the coming year, without aggravating too many of you. A Happy New Year to You All!

Mrs. Cloyd W. Seiss continues as a patient at the Warner Hospital in Gettysburg. Her condition remains unchanged.

Charles B. Harner, commander of the local American Legion post, was a patient at the Frederick Memorial Hospital for several days this week.

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Community Fund Aids Local Needy

Activities for the past month were reviewed Monday night at the regular meeting of the Community Fund of Emmitsburg held in the VFW annex, President Austin Joy presiding.

It was reported that seven fruit and candy baskets were distributed among the needy and sick during Christmas week. Shoes were purchased for a needy young lass of the community and flowers were sent to Mrs. Cloyd Seiss, who is hospitalized.

A donation of \$25 was given a local young high school student who had the misfortune of breaking a leg recently and which cut off his earning capacity for several months. Plans are in the making for the promotion of a benefit basketball game for the youth.

Another \$25 donation was given to an indigent elderly man in distress after a recent operation and who lives near town. Further assistance will be forthcoming if needed in this case.

Form letters soon will be sent local organizations which form the Community Fund, asking them to appoint delegates to the board of directors for the new year which begins in January. About 20 groups annually appoint delegates to carry on the work of this important local organization which receives no state or county aid and is solely dependent upon contributions and benefit affairs which it promotes. The annual election of officers will be held at the January meeting and all delegates are asked to be present.

Christmas Eve Wreck

The only traffic mishap reported in the Emmitsburg District during the Christmas holidays occurred Friday night at about 7:15 when a car, driven by Eugene Toms, 21, Route 1, crashed into the parked vehicle of Luther Kugler, W. Main St.

Extensive damage was reported to both cars and Toms was charged with reckless driving by the investigating officers, Chief Daniel J. Kaas and State Trooper 1/c H. J. Brown.

Announces Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Orndorff, Emmitsburg, Rt. 2, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy J., to Pfc. Jerry Joy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Joy, S. Seton Ave.

Miss Orndorff is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School, class of '53.

Pfc. Joy is also a graduate of St. Joseph's High School, class of '53, and is now serving with the Army Security Agency at Fort Devens, Mass.

Car Crashes At Greenmount

William D. Clark, 27, Fairfield, Rt. 1, according to Pennsylvania State Police, narrowly escaped serious injury when his car was demolished as it went over the bank at the Marsh Creek Bridge on the Emmitsburg Rd. The accident occurred at 1:30 o'clock last Sunday morning.

Police said Clark apparently "missed" the bridge as he was traveling along the road, and his car went down the bank to the stream, rolled over and came to rest with the rear of the car on the thick ice of the stream and the front of the vehicle resting on the bank.

Damage to the car, a 1947 model, was estimated at \$200, which police said was the total value of that make and model.

New State Troopers Are Assigned To Frederick Barracks

Five men who graduated from the Maryland State Police training school in Pikesville on Tuesday have been assigned to Barrack B at Frederick. They reported on Wednesday for duty.

They are Elmer L. Baum, Hagerstown; Robert DeSales Kirby, Frostburg; Alan D. Martin, Joseph S. Plume and James A. Tressler, all of Hagerstown.

Trooper 1/c James W. Hardy, who has been stationed at the Frederick Barracks, will be transferred to the Hagerstown outpost effective next Wednesday.

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Lions Club Will Again Sponsor Horse Show

Nearly 100 per cent attendance was registered Monday night at the regular meeting of the Emmitsburg Lions Club held at the Bucher Restaurant and Motel, President Ralph McDonnell presiding.

Dr. D. L. Beegle gave a report on the eyesight conservation committee's activities and C. A. Elder, membership chairman, announced that Marshall Kerr, superintendent of the H. O. Toor Shoe Corp., was to be admitted to membership.

A complete report of the Kiddies' Christmas party was given by the general chairman, Herbert W. Roger, who expressed appreciation to all those who aided him and the group in promoting the affair.

The Lions went on record as favoring the decorating of the Square next Christmas with four trees and that other groups will be invited to share in the project if they so desire.

Secretary Robert E. Daugherty announced that dates for the annual horse show had to be determined by January if the club was again going to sponsor the affair. It was voted to again have the horse show, the date to be announced. Following the business session Christmas gifts were exchanged—to the amazement of all!

WEYBRIGHT—HOOKER

The candlelit chapel of the Nokesville, Va., Church of the Brethren, was the setting on Dec. 26, for the wedding of Miss Mary Hooker, daughter of Mrs. Edmond S. Hooker and the late Mr. Hooker of Nokesville, to Mr. Harold Weybright, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Saylor Weybright, Thurmont, Md.

D. J. Quinter Miller, uncle of the bride, performed the four o'clock ceremony amidst decorations of palms, white gladioli and cathedral candles.

Miss Ruth Weybright, aunt of the bridegroom, rendered a program of nuptial music at the organ. Mrs. Elizabeth Hooker, sister-in-law of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly," "O Promise Me," and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, wore a chapel-length gown of chantilly lace, combined with nylon tulle. It was fashioned with a portrait neckline and snugly-fitted bodice which was highlighted with opalescents. A long tapering sleeve formed callalily points at the wrists. The boussant skirt had two gadgets of finely pleated nylon coule. She wore a fingertip veil of pure silk illusion which was attached to a lace cap embroidered with opalescents and seed pearls. She carried white roses on a white Bible.

The maid of honor, Miss Bernice Hooker, sister of the bride, wore a floor-length pink dress of nylon net over taffeta with a pleated satin bottom. She wore a small pink hat and carried a nosegay of pink carnations.

Miss Anna Hooker, sister of the bride, and Mrs. James Whitmore, were bridesmaids. Their blue gowns were fashioned like that of the maid of honor.

The flower girl was the bridegroom's niece, Miss Beverly Marcum, whose white gown was net over taffeta. Master Milton Marcum, nephew of the bridegroom, served as ringbearer.

The bride's mother was attired in a dress of navy blue crepe and wore a gardenia corsage. The mother of the bridegroom chose a dress of light blue crepe and a gardenia corsage.

Mr. Dan Weybright, Thurmont, served as best man for his brother. Mr. Oather Fitzwater, of Nokesville, Mr. Thomas Marcum of Baltimore, Mr. Sam Goldthorpe of Midland, Va., and Mr. Charles Custard of Arlington, Va., acted as ushers.

The bride chose as her traveling costume, a light blue wool suit with light blue and black accessories. She wore a white rose corsage.

After a northern wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Weybright will reside in Manassas, Va.

Mrs. Weybright was graduated from Brentsville District High School and received her B.A. degree from Bridgewater College.

Mr. Weybright was graduated from Thurmont High School and received his B.S. degree from Bridgewater College.

Lightning damages or destroys an average of about \$18 million worth of property each year.

The famous Homestake mine is located at Lead City, S. D., and produces gold.

Patagonia is at the southern end of South America.

Will Judge Decorations Tonight

Emmitsburg's Christmas decorations will be judged by experts tonight between 8 and 10 p. m.

The judges, from McSherrystown, Pa., Taneytown and Thurmont, will be escorted on their rounds by John W. Walter, a member of the Chamber of Commerce committee which sponsors the annual contest.

All those interested in the competition are asked to have their exhibits lighted during this two-hour period.

President Cloyd W. Seiss of the Emmitsburg Chamber of Commerce, announced that the monetary awards will be the same as those offered in previous years. Twenty-five dollars will be split three ways in the commercial class and \$25 will be divided among the three winners of the residential category. The checks will be mailed to the winners in the near future. The judges cover the following routes in an effort to discover the best displays: North as far as the state line and West as far as the state line; South as far as St. Anthony's and East about three miles. Both the Fraley and Zentz Roads are covered as well as Emmitsburg proper. Anyone having what they believe to be an interesting display and wanting to enter it in competition but live outside the above prescribed routes of coverage, will have the opportunity of being judged, if they phone HI. 7-4711.

Congressman Hyde Inspects Islands; Report Favorable

"The Islands of the West Indies present a picture of bubbling enthusiasm and bursting energy," said Congressman Hyde, M. C., Sixth District of Maryland on his return from a committee assignment in that area.

He reported "I have just returned from a visit to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica and Cuba, as chairman of a special subcommittee studying some of their problems as they are affected by our Immigration and Nationality Laws. Puerto Rico is in need of technicians and engineers which they say they cannot obtain from the U. S. The Virgin Islands need workers for agriculture and the booming tourist industry. Jamaica is interested in continuing the practice of sending workers to the U. S. to work for our farmers at harvest time."

"Puerto Rico is doing a great job of creating work for its over-crowded population through a project known both as 'operation bootstrap' and 'Formento.' It can solve this problem they believe they can do much toward stopping the tremendous migration from their island to the States and also raise the very low standard of living of so many of their people."

"The Virgin Islands present an interesting problem. Part of the Virgin Islands are a British Crown colony and part under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Both groups are very close to each other. The native population of both groups are of the same ethnic background and in many instances are intermarried. Yet they are separated by artificial national boundaries. The British Virgin Islands have plenty of workers for the agriculture and tourist industry—the U. S. Virgin Islands have a shortage of such workers at the height of the season and at harvest time. The workers are being supplied under our present laws but the procedure is clumsy and time consuming. It seems to me we might make some special arrangements for these islands to permit them to make the most of their opportunities."

"We learned in Jamaica that, in fact, there have been many more visas issued annually since the effective date of the McCarran-Walter Bill than were issued before. This is primarily due to the more liberal provisions of the law with respect to wives and husbands of U. S. citizens."

"The West Indies are an interesting and challenging area of the Western Hemisphere. The advent of travel by airplane has opened them to the outside world as never before. They will bear watching in the days to come."

Lyle E. Olmstead, public information officer for Fairchild-Hagerstown Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, has been assigned to duty as assistant wing director of public information by Col. A. Paul Fonda, wing commander and will work with newspapers in this section.

Give-Away Program Will Continue Another Year

A representative group of local merchants and members of the Chamber of Commerce met in special session Monday evening in the Fire Hall to discuss the possibility of continuing the regular Saturday night give-away program.

Those present were almost unanimous in their decision to continue the program for at least another year, expressing the opinion that it had stimulated their business and they felt it a worthwhile venture.

Twenty odd members originally joined the give-away on a weekly basis and several have withdrawn, of these a few plan to return and it also is planned to try and enlist new members which would swell the weekly jackpot.

The group reached a decision that the number of coupons had become too voluminous and that within the next few weeks the barrel would be emptied. They explained that it was physically impossible to handle the large number of coupons enclosed in the drawing cage.

The plan has been in operation for a year now and indications are that it is becoming more popular with the public by the week, so undoubtedly the program will be continued for at least another twelve months.

Local Postoffice Reports Heaviest Volume Ever

The incoming and outgoing mail for the period Dec. 10-24, exceeded that of last year by approximately 5,000 pieces for a total of 175,000 pieces handled during that time. Postmaster L. H. Stoner announced this week.

Monday, Dec. 20, was the busiest day when approximately 27,000 pieces of mail were handled.

The postmaster reported that the year, as a whole, as far as gross receipts are concerned, was the highest in the history of the local postoffice, the total being around \$26,000.

Mother Clarke Spreads Xmas Cheer Among Vets

Christmas was a little brighter this year at the Fort Meade Army Hospital.

"Mother Clarke" came to see the hospitalized men, cheering the patients with her warm smile and gentle way.

Cheering the sick is no new gesture to "Mother Clarke," widow of Charles H. Clarke Sr. and mother of 24 children. In recent years she has been a constant visitor to hospitals for sick or injured veterans.

Mrs. Clarke went to Fort Geo. Meade on Christmas Day from her home in Thurmont. She was accompanied by Col. Julian B. Lindsey, Post Commander, Col. Charles S. Mudgett, new commanding officer of the U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Meade, and Elizabeth S. Corbin, assistant field director of the hospital's Red Cross.

Mrs. Clarke began visiting veterans' hospitals in 1942 when her youngest son was just two years old. Four of her boys still are in the service.

During some of her early errands of mercy she began to take along simple gifts, candy and flowers bought with her own money.

People in nearby communities and local service clubs, hearing about her missions, began donating gifts. Business firms joined the movement and before long radios, fountain pens, books and money, began to go along with Mother Clarke. Veterans at Fort Meade received \$61 last Saturday for Christmas phone calls home.

For her unselfish work in behalf of the suffering, Mother Clarke has received many commendations, including medals from Francis Cardinal Spellman and Pope Pius XII, citations from several national veterans' groups and the Mayor of Baltimore.

Pvt. Edward L. Stouter, Fort Devens, Mass., is currently spending a furlough here with his grandmother, Mrs. George Stouter, and friends.

LAST SATURDAY

Luther Zimmerman—\$11.50

Drawing at 3 P. M. Today.

\$242.00

Christmas Party Huge Success; Draws 1,000 Kiddies

The twenty-sixth annual Kiddies' Christmas Party, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club, will go down in history as the most successful to date. An estimated 1,000 children braved the cold winds to attend the affair and receive their treats from Santa.

Reports were that the youngsters jammed the Gem Theater to overflowing and just about cleaned out the refreshments the Homemakers' Club had for them at the Fire Hall. While the parade itself was not too large, only several hundred kiddies participating, the group was swelled considerably when the parade terminated at the Square for the distribution of gifts. At least 500 more children greeted the paraders upon arrival there.

As Fire Chief Hollinger had promised a week earlier, Santa was right on time, but some delay in starting was encountered, when some band instruments froze up and had to be thawed out before the parade could begin. Actually it was nearly half an hour late getting under way. The band members promise to have more antifreeze on hand next year so things can get under way promptly.

Police were kept extra busy with the crowd which reached its peak at the time of the weekly drawing at 3 p. m. Police reported exemplary behavior of the large group of youngsters and commended them highly on their good behavior. There were no acts of vandalism or depredations of any sort reported and when you get 1,000 youngsters in town at one time, anything could happen—but it didn't.

In all it was a happy occasion, and the Lions Club expressed its appreciation to the merchants, police, band, Homemakers' Club, Town Council and anyone else who contributed in any way, to make the event the success it was.

Following the distribution of gifts members of the Lions Club visited several families in the district and presenting them with surplus candy and oranges.

Members of the American Legion and VFW reported visiting all local schools Wednesday before Christmas and distributing hundreds of pounds of candy and gifts to the students of St. Euphemia's, Emmitsburg Elementary and St. Anthony's Schools. Two carloads of members of the Legion and VFW and their auxiliaries visited the state sanatorium at Sabillasville and distributed Yuletide cheer and presents to the patients there.

BABY BOWERS

Baby Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowers of Apple St., Hellertown, Pa., died in St. Luke's Hospital last week. Mrs. Bowers is the former Lorraine Sterner.

Besides his parents, the baby is survived by his maternal great grandmother, Mrs. Helen Kichline, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Sterner, all of Hellertown; the paternal great grandfather, Harry Lehr of York, Pa., and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bowers of Emmitsburg.

Burial was in the Lower Saucon Cemetery.

Soldier Completes Course

Army Pvt. Daniel P. Shindledecker, 21, whose wife, Rachael, lives in Emmitsburg, recently completed the organizational maintenance course at the Eighth Army's Ordnance School in Seoul.

Pvt. Shindledecker, a driver with the 461st Ordnance Ammunition Co., has been in the Far East since December 1953. He entered the Army in May 1953 and completed basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Shindledecker, live in Fairfield, Pa.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise birthday party was held Christmas night in honor of Martha Baumgardner's thirtieth birthday, at the home of her parents. Those attending included Susan McLaughlin, Carolyn Glass, Sandra Keilholz, Audrey Springer, Becky Hays, Becky Nail, Margie Neighbours, Barbara Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baumgardner, Donald Wortz, Virginia Baumgardner and Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgardner, her parents. Games were played and refreshments served. Many nice gifts were received.

The English Houses of Parliament consist of the House of Lords and House of Commons.

Two Youths Admit Setting Farm Fires

After intensive interrogation by State Police two 19-year-old Emmitsburg youths admitted to the police Wednesday that they deliberately set two fires on the property of Roy F. Valentine, located two miles north of Rocky Ridge on the Motters Station Rd. on Nov. 29 and Dec. 16.

The two youths who were released on \$1,500 bond each gave their names as Charles Henry Bollinger and Paul Edward Creager, both of Route 2.

The youths are charged by police with malicious burning of barns. The investigation was conducted by State Troopers 1/c Donald A. Tucker, H. J. Brown and Harold L. Bashore.

Bollinger is alleged to have told investigators that he set a straw and machinery barn afire on November 29 and a more serious bank barn fire on Dec. 16, because of revenge against Valentine because he allegedly made derogatory remarks concerning his father, Creager, who lives on the Bollinger farm, is employed as a farm hand, participated in both fires, according to police reports.

A quantity of straw, and a number of pieces of farm machinery was lost in the first fire, which Bollinger admitted setting with a match while Creager was posted as a lookout. The second blaze which razed the 18-stanchion bank barn, was more disastrous and caused an estimated \$15,000 damage. Bollinger is said to have tossed a pint of gasoline into the barn and Creager is alleged to have ignited it.

Rumors Bring Investigation

The State Police began their investigation of the youths on the basis of rumors that there was a certain amount of "bad blood" between the Bollingers and the Valentines whose farms adjoin. The youths were apprehended Wednesday and taken to State Police Barracks B in Frederick for questioning. Both admitted their complicity after interrogation. Since the last conflagration the Valentine property has been placed on the market for sale and all livestock already has been disposed of.

Special Church Services Scheduled

The Presbyterian, Methodist, Reformed and Lutheran Churches of Emmitsburg are cooperating in observing Universal Week of Prayer with four worship services during the first week of the New Year.

These services will open at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and will continue with services at the Methodist Church on Wednesday; Reformed on Thursday and Lutheran on Friday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Paul McCauley will preach Sunday night, Rev. E. P. Welker on Wednesday, Rev. Philip Bower on Thursday and Rev. Gideon Galambos on Friday night. Each pastor will conduct the service in his respective church.

Father Cogan Rites Held

Funeral services for the late Rev. Dr. John F. Cogan, for many years professor of philosophy at Mt. St. Mary's College, who died Dec. 21 in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., were held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. A solemn requiem mass was sung in the college chapel with Msgr. John L. Sheridan, college president, as the celebrant.

Msgr. George Mulcahy, pastor of St. Edward's Catholic Church, Shamokin, Pa., was the deacon, and Rev. Fr. Edward Herrmann, assistant chancellor Washington, was the subdeacon. Rev. Fr. Carl Fives, treasurer of the Mount, was the Master of Ceremonies.

A choir of priests under the direction of Rev. Fr. David W. Shaum sang the Mass.

Most Rev. John McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, four monsignori, and more than 50 priests were in the sanctuary.

Msgr. William F. Culhane, vice president of Mt. St. Mary's College, delivered the sermon. The pallbearers, all members of the lay faculty at the Mount, were: Walter Opekum, Adolph Wasilifsky, James McNulty, John Roddy, Dominic Greco, Richard McCullough, Dr. John J. Dillon, and Robert Henke.

Burial was in the college cemetery. Bishop McNamara offered prayers at the grave.

In high altitudes the Llama is used as a beast of burden.