

**Weekend Weather Forecast**  
Possible showers today and cooler Saturday. Warmer Sunday afternoon. Temperatures will be 3 to 6 degrees below normal.

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## Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

Interest in our local town election is being manifested, according to the "grapevine" this week. Rumor has it that at least two are seeking office and that a battle is shaping up, providing any of the incumbents seek re-election. Now don't get the impression that I am opposed to the present incumbents but unless they decide to run again there probably won't be any opposition and it takes competition to make a healthy election.

Apathy towards our local election has been in existence for too long a period and it is high time we have a number of public-spirited citizens interested in running for these offices. And while we are at it, what's the matter with having several candidates for each of the offices? Some of the fair sex, perhaps? Candidates have until 10 days prior to the May 7 election to declare their intentions with the town clerk.

Speaking of elections, do you know that we have over 400 registered voters here and that it is highly possible that with Tuesday's registration coming up, that we might top the 500 mark? Voting has been light the past decade or so and only about half bother to cast ballots, but if there are a number of candidates this year, a heavy vote can be expected, one that might possibly top the largest number of voters ever to turn out here. That record was established sometime in the 30s, when the present Mayor, Thornton W. Rodgers, opposed the late "Mike" Thompson for the office of Burgess. The present Mayor took that one on "the chin" and if memory serves me correctly, it was the first and only time Hizzoner T. W. Rodgers ever tasted defeat.

It was bound to happen. I expected some sort of opposition concerning the by-pass of Emmitsburg, to develop long before this. It happens in every city or town that becomes involved with the Roads Commission. I am not negative towards the action of the Lions Club in spearheading this opposition but to me it appears an almost hopeless cause and I sincerely doubt if any changes are made in the Commission's plans. Larger towns than Emmitsburg have tried to escape the modern system of by-passing, but their efforts have been in vain. I am always interested in keeping as much business in town as possible and to me it makes a great deal of difference where the road goes and how our merchants will become involved. Certainly some businesses will be hard-hit by the plan to outskirt the area, but then, the State Roads Commission has arguments of its own. Traffic is getting more voluminous every year and it is essential that it be kept moving as swiftly and as safely as possible. Naturally when you travel through a congested area there is more of a chance for an accident, either vehicular or pedestrian, and naturally also, the flow of traffic is impeded and that is why the Commission in practically all states has decided to stick to the open highway as much as possible. I can see the merchants' side of the argument too and they are entitled to their views. Any loss of revenue hurts deeply in a small business, such as the type we have here. I do hope the two groups can sit down and discuss the matter amicably and possibly come to a conclusion that will be to the mutual benefit and satisfaction of all concerned.

Mother Nature seems to have her wires crossed and doesn't recognize the fact that spring is supposed to be here. She takes spells, it seems, and the result is that we are having winter and spring all in one bitter pill. Let's hope the short-circuit is soon repaired and that we can all be enjoying that delightful balmy type of weather we are really entitled to this time of year.

**Marriage License Issued**  
A marriage license has been issued by the clerk of Adams County Court to Robert Allen Warthen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Warthen, Emmitsburg, and Patricia Ann Funk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Funk, New Oxford, Rt. 1.

## Lions Club Opposed To By-Pass

The Emmitsburg Lions Club voted Monday night to voice opposition to the State Roads Commission proposal to by-pass the town within the near future.

The action was taken at the regular meeting of the group held Monday evening at Bucher's Restaurant & Motel, President Clarence G. Frailey presiding. The group felt that the by-pass would be detrimental to local business interests and will ask the Commission to change or modify its plans and will offer an alternative plan in the hope of diverting the by-pass plan. A committee of Herbert W. Roger, George R. Sanders, Charles R. Fuss and Clarence G. Frailey will seek a hearing before the Roads Commission just as soon as possible. It was pointed out that many Emmitsburg businesses derive a large portion of their financial intake from transient trade and that a harmful situation would occur if Emmitsburg were by-passed. The committee feels that an alternate plan, that of making North and South Seton Avenues a one-way artery going either north or south and a second one-way artery through Federal Ave. would adequately accommodate all traffic traveling Rt. 15 north and south. The committee will act in what is believed to be the best interest of the town.

George L. Wilhide and Paul W. Clappold reported on the recent convention of Apr. 7 of the County Council of Citizens Organization in Frederick when two new members were nominated to the school board. All three nominees live in the Frederick area, and their names have been placed before Governor McKeldin for appointment.

One guest, from Taneytown, was present at the meeting. A large number of the Lions plan to attend the zone meeting and banquet at Walker's later this month.

## Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald, Emmitsburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy May, to John H. Coleman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Coleman, Wilmington, Del.

Miss Fitzgerald was graduated from St. Joseph's High School, Emmitsburg, in 1952 and will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Joseph College this June.

Mr. Coleman was graduated from Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, in 1954 and attended the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Chemistry. At present he is serving with the U. S. Army at Fort Carson, Colo.

## Trout Stocked For Sunday Opening

One thousand trout were released by game wardens in preparation for opening of the season Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock. Three thousand were turned loose in Fishing Creek yesterday to complete the pre-season county stocking program.

Big and Little Hunting Creeks and Middle Creek were previously stocked. A total of 9500 trout will be in county streams when the season opens Apr. 15.

## Thurmont Picks Nominees For Town Election

Mayor C. Ray Weddle Jr. of Thurmont was nominated for re-election for another year-term without opposition at a town meeting Monday night in Firemen's Hall.

## Pen-Mar League Abolishes Board Of Arbitration

Abolishment of the board of arbitration and the granting of full power to the league president, Guy McLaughlin, Emmitsburg, to rule on all protests and disputes, highlighted the recent meeting of the Pen-Mar Baseball League at the Emmitsburg VFW Home.

The league voted to present a pennant and \$35 to the regular season champion and a large trophy to the playoff finalist. William Gilbert, Gettysburg, president of the Adams County Umpires Assn., attended the meeting and reported his organization has 17 umpires available for duty this season.

A board of directors was chosen to aid in the operation of the league. Members include Clyde McLaughlin, Fairfield; Ira Herring, Cashtown; Al Waterfield, Blue Ridge Summit; Lloyd Spencer, Union Bridge; Harry Clinean, Taneytown; Leroy Brashears, New Oxford; Norman Flax, Emmitsburg, and Cassell Roop, New Windsor.

Final approval was given to the plan requiring all teams to keep their \$50 forfeit money at that total throughout the season. In the event of being assessed as the result of a forfeited game, the teams will be required to make immediate payment to raise the forfeit money to the \$50-level. At the end of the season the money will be retained by the league to be used in a similar manner for the next season. In the event a team desires to drop from the league, a week's notice must be given in order to be refunded the forfeit money. It was pointed out the new regulations were adopted to give the league organization more permanency.

All teams were present at the meeting with the exception of New Oxford. President McLaughlin presided. Another meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 26, at 8 p. m. at the Emmitsburg VFW Home when rosters must be presented.

The league will open its season Sunday, Apr. 29.

## Dr. Clark Engaged In Research Work

Louis W. Clark, Ph.D., head of the division of science and mathematics and associate professor of chemistry at St. Joseph College, in addition to his classroom teaching, is engaged in fundamental research in the field of kinetics. Results of his research are published in the scientific journals. In 1955 two of these articles appeared in the Journal of the American Chemical Society: "The Decomposition of Trichloroacetic Acid Alone and in Glycerol" and "The Effect of Water and of Glycerol on the Decarboxylation of Oxalic Acid." In March of this year his article, "An Inexpensive Mercury Thermoregulator," appeared in The Journal of Chemical Education.

The following articles are scheduled to appear within a few months in The Journal of Physical Chemistry: "The Decomposition of Malonic Acid in Glycerol and in Dimethyl Sulfoxide," "The Decarboxylation of Malonic Acid in Triethyl Phosphate," and "The Kinetics of the Decomposition of Malonic Acid in Aromatic Amines."

Dr. Clark frequently receives requests for reprints of these papers from research workers at home and abroad. Among the foreign laboratories that have requested such reprints are the University of Leeds, England; the University of Glasgow, Scotland; the Ciba Scientific Laboratories, Basle, Switzerland, and the Normal College, Potsdam, Germany. Requests on this side of the Atlantic have come from the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, Conn., and the U. S. Vitamin Research Laboratory, New York, City.

## Celebrates 84th Birthday

Mrs. Annie Ohler celebrated her 84th birthday Apr. 2 at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ohler.

A surprise party was given here by the Ladies' Sunday School of Tom's Creek Methodist Church of which she is a member. Those present were Mrs. Paul Beale, Mrs. Carroll Phillips, Mrs. Maurice Moser, Mrs. Maurice Hahn, Mrs. John Fuss, Mrs. Emma Ohler, Mrs. George Devilbiss, Mrs. Carrie Fuss Long, and Mrs. Russell Ohler. Mrs. Ohler, while not in very good health, is able to be up.

## PAST COMMANDERS OF LOCAL VFW POST



Past Commanders of the VFW are pictured, left to right: Wales Rightnour, 1949-1951 (2 terms); Harold M. Hoke, 1951-51; Fern R. Ohler, 1952-1954 (2 terms); Philip B. Sharpe, 1954-55; Thomas C. Harbaugh, 1955-56 (2 terms). Not present in picture: Vernon Keilholtz, 1948-49; Charles J. Rowe, 1946-48, deceased, two terms.

All Emmitsburg is familiar with the VFW ambulance operated by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, No. 6658, which this Saturday will celebrate its 10th anniversary, but I wonder how many realize the extent of this service? The Post ambulance is fully equipped with rescue equipment and manned by a crew of expert drivers, trained in first aid and emergency service, and in the art of handling the oxygen resuscitator, and aspirator. These men are unpaid and on call any hour of the day or night.

In preparing an analysis of the past eight years the ambulance has been in free service for northern Frederick County, I thought a few of the facts would interest the community as well as the Post membership.

From Jan. 1, 1948 through Dec. 31, 1955, the ambulance answered 648 calls. Of these, 143 are recorded as "routine." There were 475 emergency calls on requests received from physicians; there were 30 auto accident calls on requests from the Maryland State Police. The "routine" calls were from individuals and institutions.

During these calls the ambulance traveled 30,501 miles—an average of 47 1/2 miles per call. Total hours the ambulance was in service was 1455, an average of 2 1/2 hours per call. The records reveal that there were 408 night calls—6 p. m. to 7 a. m.—and 240 day calls.

In delivering this service to the community, 3050 gallons of gasoline were consumed and 315 quarts of oil. Also used were three sets of safety tires and tubes. The comparative short life of tires is explained by the fact that in a vehicle of this nature, tires must be in perfect condition, and are thus traded-in regularly. The older tires go into service for trucks.

Perhaps the most interesting figure is the total number of personnel used in this service—1296. On many calls it is necessary to use two people—one to drive, and the other to ride inside, administering first aid to the patient.

In addition, on return from a call, there are often additional drivers in cleaning and preparing the ambulance and its equipment for the next call. Sheets and blankets must be replaced, and in many accident cases bloodstains must be soaked out immediately before laundering and cleaning, and the interior of the ambulance and all equipment must

be kept clean enough to pass inspection by a doctor. This is the responsibility of the driver handling the individual call, and it very frequently involves three or four hours of the driver's time with the assistance of other corps volunteers.

Your VFW ambulance service also prepares for emergencies. When Hurricane Connie moved in on us a couple of years ago, then - Commander Phil Sharpe, with the cooperation of the State Police, set up to prepare for it. The main VFW telephone was the call number, but a chain of emergency phones was set up. The heart of the storm was not scheduled to hit until late evening, but Cmdr. Sharpe had drivers on duty with the ambulance from 6 p. m. About that time the main phone at the VFW went out. The chief telephone operator at Frederick was notified, the list of emergency phones was given, and the State Police were notified. All drivers were placed on a stand-by basis for the night. Fortunately the mountains split Connie and the area was spared of most of its destruction, and there were no emergency calls.

Meanwhile, Cmdr. Sharpe sat at home watching his Airport-type wind recording equipment running at 68 mph. When it "died" he knew the eye or dead center had hit, and when it reversed wind direction, he knew the tail had arrived. As it dropped to a safe low, he phoned the drivers, releasing them from duty. This is your VFW ambulance service.

The cost of maintenance of this service is slightly over \$1000 per year. Each year the local Post conducts a Block Party or similar fund-raising event. Many Emmitsburg community citizens attend and contribute their pennies, nickels and dimes. Many others make small donations at regular intervals. The Post makes up any shortages.

We, of Emmitsburg Memorial Post 6658, are proud of our ambulance crew, our equipment, our service, and our generous friends. We are particularly proud of the fact that a 2 a. m. call to a driver in an emergency which robs him of a couple of hours of sleep when he may have to be on his paying job at 7:30 a. m. never meets with a complaint. I am proud, too, to be associated with this service.

Sincerely yours,  
CLYDE EYLER  
Chairman, Ambulance Committee

## SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED; FOUR TEAMS ARE FORMED

At a special meeting held last Wednesday evening at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall, local basketball enthusiasts met to reorganize the Summer Basketball League, which last year had been most successful.

The first order of business was the election of a slate of officers which was held with the following results: President, Allen Stoner; vice president, Wayne Baumgardner; secretary, Michael Topper; treasurer, Ronald Kelly. Following the election plans for the coming season were made and a schedule of games adopted. It was agreed that the season would open in the first week of June. Monday and Wednesday night were chosen as game nights and all contests will begin at 7:30 p. m. The public is welcome to attend the games. A regular date will be submitted for the season's schedule.

The group decided to form four teams, each choosing its own captain and a name. Members of Team No. 1 are: Captain, Clarence Ancarrow; Mac Ancarrow, George Eyster, Wayne Baumgardner, Robert Glass, Alfred Hahn, Donald McCauslin, Edward Wolfe and Norman Shriver. Team No. 2: Captain, John Adelsberger; co-captain, William VanBrakle, John Randolph, Michael Kelz, James Brown, Thomas Zurgable, Richard Little, Tim Topper and Michael Topper. Team No. 3: Allen Stoner, captain; Ronald Kelly, Art Damuth, Ted Topper, David Sprankle, "Tiss" Umbel, and John Sprankle. Team No. 4—William Greco, captain, Robert Gelwick, Michael Joy, Eugene Rosensteel, Richard Dutrow, Jack White and Fred Bower.

## Roger Again Nominated By Local Firemen

President Herbert W. Roger presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Vigilant Hose Company held Tuesday night in the Fire Hall. The group reported an order has been placed for the purchase of new coats, helmets and boots.

Applications for membership were received from Otto Tokar, Theodore Topper, Joseph P. Haley and Joseph N. Haley, Sr. Applications for membership approved were Eugene Myers, Ralph F. Ireland, William E. Morgan and Dr. O. H. Stinson.

Fire Chief John S. Hollinger announced that nine of the members had attended a fire-fighting course held Sunday at the University of Maryland. Local firemen attending were John S. and John J. Hollinger, Charles Stouter, William Martin, Ronald Kelly, Robert Gelwick, James Diller and Herbert Adams. A representative group from the Guardian Hose Co. of Thurmont, also was present. The group witnessed demonstrations and studied the technique of fighting structural and high-wall fires with gas masks and fog equipment.

The hosemen agreed to replace the posts circling Community Field with new and larger ones sometime in the near future. The president announced the annual election of officers would be held on May 8, the next meeting date. Nominations at Tuesday's meeting for these offices were as follows: President, Herbert W. Roger; vice president, J. William Rowe; secretary, J. Edward Houck; treasurer, Guy A. Baker, Sr.; chief, John S. Hollinger; 1st assistant chief, Sterling White; 2nd assistant chief, Franklin Wastler and Charles F. Stouter; directors, Guy A. Baker, Sr., and George Danner.

## Jubilee Show Successful

The Emmitsburg Grange wishes to express its thanks to all merchants and individuals of the community that helped make the recent "Home Town Jubilee" a success. In spite of inclement weather, attendance was good and the show declared a financial success with a total of \$275 net profit for the Grange building fund.

The winners in the baby contests held were: King, Dennis Valentine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Valentine; queen, Patricia Eyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eyer; prince, Jimmy Keilholtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keilholtz; princess, Jessica Mick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mick. Prizes for the contest were donated by Zurgable Bros. and Houck's, Emmitsburg, and Davies' Jewelry Store and Shapp's of Thurmont.

The talent contest was won by Gene Rosensteel who sang, "Galway Bay." Finishing second was Doris Baker who played an accordion solo, "Rock and Roll Waltz." Prizes for the talent contest were donated by Harner's Recreation Center and Mrs. Estella Zentz of Emmitsburg. Golden wedding couples were honored each night. On Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shriver and on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hahn. Each couple was presented floral tributes donated by Creager Florist Shop, Thurmont.

## Sixth District Important Area In Coming Primary

The upper counties of the 6th Maryland District may well determine the outcome of the Democratic Congressional primary on May 7, Grahame Walker said this week after a full eight-day tour of Frederick, Washington, and Allegany counties.

Mr. Walker is one of three candidates for the nomination in the race. All three are from Montgomery County. "Montgomery has more voters than any of the four other counties," Mr. Walker said, "but it has less than half of the District's total vote."

"I hope to carry Montgomery handsily, on my record as a county councilman, yet the final decision may quite possibly rest with the farming and industrial areas of Allegany, Garret, Frederick and Washington counties. "My wife and I are well-pleased with the hospitality we have found in the northern and western communities this week, as on previous visits. "I think I can give the whole Sixth District the same mature representation in Congress that friends credit me with in handling the problems of my own county," Mr. Walker declared.

## Registration Of New Voters Tuesday

The Burgess and Commissioners of the Corporation of Emmitsburg announce that a registration of voters will be held Tuesday, Apr. 17, from 2 to 7 p. m. in the Fire Hall. The Town Solons explain that to be eligible to vote in the town election to be held May 7 an individual must be registered on the town's books. The election has nothing to do with the county, state, or national elections, and if you have never registered on the town records you must do so Tuesday or you won't be eligible to vote on May 7.

The coming election will see a Mayor and one Commissioner elected. At the present time, the two incumbents, Mayor Thornton W. Rodgers, and Commissioner Wales Rightnour, have given no indication as to whether or not they will seek re-election.

Election Registrar Charles D. Gillelan, who has worked diligently on the eligible voting list, announced this week that the total of eligible voters at present is 434. It is hoped to top 500 by Tuesday's registration.

Qualifications for registering are that a citizen must be 21 years of age by the day of election, May 7, that he lives in the corporate limits of Emmitsburg proper, and that he has lived within these limits for the past 12 months. There is no registration fee required.

## Hospital Report

**ADMITTED**  
Jacqueline Balmer, Emmitsburg. Mrs. Galen Gough, Emmitsburg Rt. 1. Mrs. Thomas Arnold, Emmitsburg Rt. 3. Frank Eiker, Emmitsburg Rt. 1. Mrs. William Ryder, Emmitsburg.

**BIRTHS**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Ryder are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second son born Tuesday at the Warner Hospital in Gettysburg, Pa.

**DISCHARGED**  
Joseph Condon, Emmitsburg Rt. 3.

Mrs. Eugene Bankard, Emmitsburg Rt. 2. Harry Riley, Emmitsburg. Mrs. Ernest Staub and infant daughter, Emmitsburg Rt. 3. Mrs. James "Dee" Saylor and infant son, Rocky Ridge. Norman Sheeley, Emmitsburg Rt. 1. Mrs. Annabelle Barnhouse and infant daughter, Emmitsburg Rt. 3.

## Farm Bureau Group Meets

The Emmitsburg Farm Bureau Planning Group No. 1 met Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Emrich. The meeting opened with devotions, reading the 6th Chapter of Matthew by Ethel Baumgardner, with everyone joining in the Lord's Prayer. Roll call found all seven families present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Ethel Baumgardner gave a brief resume of the meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Women of the Frederick County Farm Bureau held in Frederick Tuesday morning which she and Mrs. George Moser of Thurmont attended. Plans were made for the spring meeting to be held May 10 at the extension room at 1:30 p. m. and all women of the County Farm Bureau are cordially invited.

Mr. Emrich, president of the Maryland Milk Producers Assn., spoke of the milk situation that occurred in recent weeks. A discussion was held on several points of the Social Security tax after which several poems were read. Refreshments were served by the hostesses and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held May 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meadows.

## Class To Hold Benefit Bridge Party

For the benefit of the Sesqui-centennial building fund, the "on-honore" class of St. Joseph College will sponsor a bridge party and fashion show on the college campus Apr. 14. The 2 p. m. affair will be held in Verdier and admission is \$1.25.

A wide selection of both women's and children's spring and summer apparel will be modeled by members of the Class of '58. A special attraction of the benefit will be the awarding of a wide variety of door prizes.