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The Weekend Weather Forecast  
Cold through most of the weekend with little change in temperature. About one-half inch precipitation.

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## Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

Facing us this election year is a matter of grave importance on which our military leaders are widely divided. This dilemma concerns our military strength and preparedness. Many of our outstanding intelligentsia contend that we are sorely behind the Communist countries and are totally unprepared for any thermo-nuclear holocaust that might bring devastation to our nation. The head of a recent fact-finding commission adamantly maintained that the survey revealed we were in a wretched condition and could not withstand a nuclear war. This is indeed a sad state of affairs and remedial measures should be instituted immediately. Any cutback in our military strength at this time is foolhardy in my opinion. I am not a military strategist but I have been around for three wars so far and we were not prepared for any of the three... imagine! Most of you veterans from the last two World Wars and Korean War are fully aware of what you faced and endured to bring honor and victory to your country, and the miserable cost in human lives, all attributable to unpreparedness. Now's the time to let your impressions and opinion be felt and heard. On the other hand we have the sworn statement from our Commander-in-Chief, President Eisenhower, that we can cope with any situation which might confront us. This is an election year we know and just about anything goes which might benefit some party politically. However, to toy with our very safety and lives is a matter of the highest importance. The public is entitled to know the facts, but then how in the world can you obtain any measure of truth in the heat of a presidential campaign? That the campaign will be a bitter one bears little doubt. Intermingled will be defense, taxes, religion, civil rights and the inflationary status of the country at the present time. Any one of these powder kegs could develop into a bitter struggle between the 2 parties. Let's keep our fingers crossed folks and try to come out of it a better and stronger nation.

The recent announcement confirming that plane crash in North Carolina which killed quite a number of passengers, by the Civil Aeronautics Commission is a shocking thing. According to the Commission a young lawyer planted dynamite beside him in the plane and set the charge off during the flight. Prior to the flight the lawyer took out an enormous amount of insurance on himself. It now appears certain that the whole horrible thing was in vain, that is as far as collecting the insurance the lawyer had in mind. Insurance companies do not pay off on suicide cases, unless a period of several years has elapsed. The fact the insurance was taken out only a few hours before flight time disqualifies any claim the decedent might have had in mind. Forty some people paid with their lives for the bizarre action. The air transportation firms are at a loss as to how to prevent a recurrence of this tragic matter. It would be totally unfaithful to blame the flight concerns for not being able to cope with the situation because this same sort of thing could happen to any other media of transportation just as long as there are mentally unbalanced individuals at large, and I suppose there always will be some on the loose. The world is full of potential tragedies and I don't imagine we'll ever be able to eliminate all of them. In the meantime, travel and enjoy yourself because this old world must keep rolling along.

## GOP Meeting Saturday

A special meeting of the Emmitsburg Republican Central Committee has been called for Monday evening, February 27 at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced. The meeting will take place in the Fire Hall and all members of the committee are urged to attend.

Hard work never kills anybody, they say, but occasionally it wears us down.

## Trailers Will Be Assessed As Property

Frederick County trailer owners will be sent county tax bills in 1960, as they were sent in 1959, pending the results of an appeal of legal action taken by some trailer dwellers against the personal property tax imposed on trailers by the county last year a top county assessment official said on Tuesday.

"Unless these tax bills are paid, trailer residents will be paying no county taxes whatsoever in return for sending their children to county schools and many other services supplied to them as local residents," the official said.

He pointed out that the license fees on autos, charges for moving trailers through the state and higher tolls paid by trailers on state roads and bridges sighted as forms of taxation by trailer owner James Deegan in a statement released on Tuesday were all state taxes from which the county derives no direct income.

Even the claim that, "We pay rent for our trailer spaces which goes to pay the property taxes of the trailer park" made by Deegan was not entirely accurate, another county official said.

He pointed out that, because of the impermanent status of trailers, park owners are not charged taxes for the number of trailers using their facilities at any one time, but pay taxes only on their land and nobody pays for the value of the trailers themselves.

Delbert S. Null, president of the board of County Commissioners, whom Deegan cited for his criticism of the lack of taxes on trailers in the county, said, "There is no intention to eliminate or limit the use of trailers in this county but there is an intention to collect proper taxes from them as long as they are using county services."

Another commissioner said that he saw no difference between a \$12,000 modern fully equipped trailer and a \$12,000 private home as far as tax assessments are concerned.

Null said that he "sincerely regretted any aspersions cast upon trailer residents or their children simply because they live in trailers." He added that he and the other members of the Frederick County Planning Commission were "trying to do everything we can to assist trailer owners to properly locate in trailer courts or in properly zoned areas of the county."

## To Attend Police School

Police Chief W. E. Law will be one of a number of Maryland policemen who will attend a training school sponsored by the Maryland State Police.

The school will get under way on February 29 at the State Police Academy, Pikesville. Chief Law will attend the March 7 class, the second division of the school.

## All License Forms Are Mailed

John R. Jewell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, announces that license plates for privately-owned passenger cars and motor cycles are now on sale at the Department of Motor Vehicles and may be displayed on and after March 1.

In addition to signing the application, the two questions must be answered. If you carry insurance for liability and property damage to others, it will not be necessary to remit an additional fee for the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund. However, if you do not carry this liability insurance, it will be necessary to remit an additional fee of \$8.00.

If your application has not been received by Feb. 25, notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in writing, giving your full name, new and old address, and title number given to the far right on the last line of your registration card, together with your present tag number.

Applications for trucks and other classes will be mailed on March 31.

## Garden Club To Sponsor Show

At a meeting of the Silver Fancy Garden Club held February 18 at the home of Mrs. Hewitt MacPherson in Taneytown, arrangements were made to hold a Flower Show on Wednesday, May 18, in the Methodist parish hall in Emmitsburg. Mrs. Allen Peeser, Taneytown, is show chairman.

## PTA Shown Excellent Film

The Public School PTA met on Wednesday evening with the president, Daniel Naill presiding. Rev. John C. Chatlos opened the meeting with prayer.

A very fine program, centering around the problems of teen-agers, was presented. An excellent film, entitled "Farewell to Youth" was shown, and then Miss Jean Harsh, psychiatric social worker for the Frederick County Board of Health, spoke on the problems of growing up. A question and answer period followed.

The business meeting followed the program. The attendance banner was won by Mrs. Polley's seventh grade.

Due to the church services of the Lenten Season, the March meeting will be omitted and the next meeting will be held on April 27.

## Water Meters For Thurmont

Mayor Donald Lewis announced last week that a water metering program has been set up for Thurmont whereby water meters will be installed at every home in the corporate limits of the town and some beyond the limits where benefits are being received from the town water system.

All service stations, factories, and many business places are operating on meters at this time, and it is hoped that the town can have a complete meter system within four years, the Mayor stated.

According to the town policy, all new homes will receive meters at the time of construction. A connecting rate to the water system now exists and no consumer will receive water until application is made at the municipal office and the connection charge paid in advance.

Having a water meter installed doesn't necessarily mean that the water bill will be higher, since each consumer pays only for the amount used and the metered rate is comparable with the flat rate, the Mayor said.

Much progress has been made in the past three months in repairs of major and minor leaks and work is continuing to make the town water system more efficient. For every meter placed at a home, the cost to the town is approximately fifty dollars. To date, approximately 150 meters have been installed.

Metering will help the town conserve water, and water saved will be equal to finding another source of supply. The town must also continue to improve the water supply and seek new means of additional source. This matter is not only a great concern to the Thurmont authorities, but has also been given much attention on State and Federal levels. "Any action we can see fit to take today to meet the pressing tomorrow, will save our town many dollars in the future," the Mayor said.

## Lions Inspect Guard Armory

Vice President Ralph F. Ireland presided at the regular meeting of the Emmitsburg Lions Club held Monday evening at Fitzgerald's Mason-Dixon Inn.

The meeting was an abbreviated one and following the meal the group motored to the National Guard Armory at Highfield where it was the guest of Capt. Warner and his Company at an "open house" affair. The visiting Lions were shown through the quarters and the various types of weapons were explained to them. Following the armory tour, films were shown and refreshments served. Present also at the affair were Lions from Thurmont, Fairfield, Blue Ridge Summit, Waynesboro and Emmitsburg.

## Hospital Report

Admitted  
Mrs. Laurence Orendorff, Emmitsburg.

Irvin Tokar, Emmitsburg.  
Mrs. Raymond Koop, Emmitsburg.

Stephen Ryder, Emmitsburg.  
Mrs. Charles Myers, Emmitsburg.

Discharged  
Mrs. Charles Sartwell and infant daughter, Rocky Ridge.

Mrs. Hazel Halm, Emmitsburg.  
George Fisher, Rocky Ridge.

Births  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaas, Rocky Ridge, son, Friday.

An offensive spirit can be a dangerous affair unless you are properly prepared.

## Snow Removal Is Costly

It cost \$12,000 in county funds to remove the snow from rural roads last week, it was reported to the County Commissioners by the Roads Department at its regular weekly meeting in Frederick Tuesday afternoon.

This \$12,000 in unexpected expenditure may be sorely needed later in the year in order to complete the proposed county roads program for 1960, the roads officials pointed out to the commissioners.

O. Wilson Runkles, county engineer, presented a report on the present financial status of the Roads Department, listing maintenance costs and payroll only, through June. He concluded that the Roads Department should reach an almost balanced figure at the end of June, not counting new construction or the cost of the snow removal.

County Commissioner Delbert Null concluded that, "every heavy snow will mean one mile less of county roads improvement this year from now on."

Special problems of the snow removal, such as the fact that a giant bulldozer got caught in the snow were then discussed. There was considerable damage to snow fence since this storm came from the east while the snow fencing is constructed to guard against storms from the west and the north.

Commissioner Null questioned the possibility of the county purchasing a new giant "snow blower" machine, the latest in modern equipment for clearing county roads, now in use in other Maryland counties.

The Roads Department officials pointed out the present bulldozers used for snow removal "tear up the macadam roads" but added that "snow blowers cost a considerable amount of money." It was pointed out that the snow blowing machines could remove snow from county roads at a rate of as fast as 40 miles an hour and that they "got rid of the snow on both sides of the road and did not leave a 'tunnel' in the middle of the road which could drift shut as the present bulldozers do."

Null commented that "you can not always look at the original cost of an item in determining its eventual need and value to the county."

Commissioner Mehrl H. Ramsburg, attending the meeting for the first time since his recent illness, said that a request from the Thurmont Sports Club to macadamize the Hunt Club road would be considered in next year's county roads program.

## Five Take K-C Fourth Degree

Five members of Brute Council 1860, Knights of Columbus were candidates Sunday for the fourth degree at the exemplification sponsored by the Charles Carroll of Carrollton General Assembly, at the Alcazar Hotel in Baltimore.

Receiving the fourth degree, the order's highest, were Quinn F. Topper, Richard Topper, Edward Fitzgerald, Robert A. Seidel Sr. and Paul A. Keepers. Principal speaker of the evening was U. S. Senator John Marshall Butler.

## LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

(Emmitsburg Recreation Center)	W	L
Alley Kats	16	5
Ramblers	15	6
*Maple Splitters	12	6
Jokers	10	11
Rolletes	8	13
Taneyettes	8	13
*Farmerettes	6	12
Lucky Strikes	6	15
*Have postponed match to roll.		
Wednesday's Results		
Jokers 1; Ramblers 2		
Lucky Strikes 1; Taneyettes 2		
Alley Kats 3; Rolletes 0		
High single—B. Amoss (Taneyettes) 122; high set—K. Warthen (Alley Kats) 328.		

## Couple Observes 51st Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Zacharias observed their fifty-first wedding anniversary at their home on W. Main Street Tuesday, Feb. 23. During the day and evening a large number of friends and relatives dropped in to congratulate the couple on their happy occasion.

The couple was married on Feb. 23, 1909 by the Rev. A. M. Gluck at their home near Rocky Ridge, now the property of Charles W. Bollinger. Mrs. Zacharias, before her marriage, was the former Gertrude Humerick. Both the celebrants enjoy good health.

## Teen-Age Dance Scheduled For Paddy's Day

The Emmitsburg VFW Auxiliary will sponsor a teen-age dance in the VFW Annex on Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day, it has been announced. Music for the occasion will be supplied by The Rebels, a popular rock and roll band.

The dance will be chaperoned by members of the Auxiliary unit and should the affair prove a successful one it is the intention of the group to sponsor several others in the future. Tickets to the dance will sell at the nominal price of 50c and dancing will be held from 8 to 11 p. m.

## Legion Pig Roast Tomorrow

The Francis X. Elder Post 121, American Legion will sponsor a pig roast Saturday, Feb. 27. Servings will commence at 5 p. m. and continue until 9 o'clock. During the evening dancing will be held from 9 to 12 midnight. The regular meeting of the post will be held Tuesday, March 1 and the Legion Auxiliary has scheduled a penny bingo game on March 12.

## Items Of Interest From Rocky Ridge

Mrs. Daisy Shupkins is spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Smythe, Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stouter and family, Emmitsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Harner and daughter, Beverly, Taneytown, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Fox.

Mr. Ersa Clem is confined to his home with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Paugh and family visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paugh, Deer Park.

Rev. Robert Beaver was the guest speaker at the Evangelism Mission which was held at the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wiley and children, Willard Jr., Edwin and Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Snyder, Baltimore; Mrs. Etta Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Charles Thomas Jones and Mr. Floyd Wetzel were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wiley.

Mr. Robert Dubel has recovered from an attack of the flu.

A/1c William J. Kaas, Myrtle Beach, S. C., visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kaas.

John Eigenbrode has recovered from a minor operation performed at the Newton D. Baker Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Seiss and family visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Harbaugh.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Edith Gruber and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keeney, Ladiesburg, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gruber and daughter, Sharon.

John D. Kaas attended the state staff meeting of the Marine Corps League held in Baltimore, Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney and family and Mrs. Edith Gruber visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lescalet, Taneytown.

## Youth Fellowship Meeting Held

The regular meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the United Church of Christ was held February 18 at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swomley. The meeting was presided over by the president. It was voted on to have a roll call at all future meetings.

The group voted that the term of the present officers be extended for another year and that the host and hostess of each meeting should plan the recreation for the evening.

It was voted on by the group that the money in the treasury should be spent on some worthwhile project. Some members of the group will take part in a play to be held Easter Sunday. The installation of officers of the Youth Fellowship will be held on March 17 and the next meeting of the group will be on March 3 at the home of Emory Wagerman.

## HONOR STUDENT

John M. Baker, formerly of Emmitsburg, has won first-class honors for his first semester studies at the University of San Diego. Baker had a 4.00 grade-point average (100 per cent) and topped the Dean's Honor List. His wife, the former Margaret

## OBITUARIES

### MRS. ROBERT EYLER

Mrs. Mary A. Eyer, 81, Emmitsburg, died at 12:05 p. m. Tuesday. She was a native of Frederick County and was born near Emmitsburg. Mrs. Eyer was the widow of Robert Eyer and daughter of the late Charles W. and Mary F. Brawner Ott. Mrs. Eyer died at the home of her brother, John B. Ott, Emmitsburg, R. I.

She is survived by three brothers: John B. Ott of Emmitsburg; George L. Ott of Ovid, New York; and Richard A. Ott of Baltimore; and one sister, Mrs. Earl Heagy of Gettysburg, Pa. Also surviving are 35 nieces and nephews. Mrs. Eyer was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Friends will meet at the Wilson Funeral Home, W. Main St., this morning (Friday) at 8:30 a. m. and requiem mass will follow at 9 a. m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Vincent J. Tomalski will officiate. Interment will be in St. Anthony's Shrine cemetery.

### MRS. GENEVIEVE PEDDICOR

Mrs. Genevieve Peddicor, formerly of Emmitsburg, and a daughter of the late John M. and Sarah (Baker) Stouter, died Tuesday at Annapolis. Surviving are her husband, a number of children and a sister, Mrs. Marie Saffer, Emmitsburg. Funeral services this morning (Friday) at Annapolis followed by interment in the St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Local arrangements are being made through the Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

### MISS BLANCHE M. DUKEHART

Miss Blanche Marie Dukehart, 72, 135 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, died at the Annie Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, Saturday evening at 11 p. m. She had been in ill health for two years. Miss Dukehart was born in Emmitsburg, a daughter of the late John J. Dukehart and Mary A. Baker Dukehart.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and the sodality of the church.

Miss Dukehart is survived by two brothers and two sisters: Edgar Dukehart of Baltimore, Raymond Dukehart of Westminster, Mrs. Alice Sterbinsky of Emmitsburg, and Mrs. Mazie Finke of Baltimore. Also surviving are 4 nephews and 2 nieces.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning with a requiem mass at 10 a. m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. James Twomey officiating. Interment was in St. Joseph's Catholic cemetery.

### JOHN WILLIAM PORTNER

John William Portner, 82, died Tuesday at his home near Thurmont after a long illness. He was a son of the late John and Sarah Davis Portner. His wife, Mrs. Gussie M. Jewell Portner, died 13 years ago.

Surviving are the following children: Floyd, Charles and Albert Portner, Lantz; Mrs. Anna Bushman, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Melva Hardman, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Goldie Jones, Hagerstown; Lester Portner, Waynesboro; Mrs. Francis Hardy, Yellow Springs; 25 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one half-brother, Harry Portner, Smithsburg.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Friday) at 2:30 p. m. from the M. L. Creager & Son Funeral Home, Thurmont. Rev. Elmer R. Andrews will officiate and interment will be in the United Brethren Cemetery, Thurmont.

## Baseball Meeting Set For Sunday

An attempt will be made this Sunday to organize the Emmitsburg Baseball Club for another year, present officials announced this week. The officials assert that enthusiasm for the national pastime here is on the wane, in fact, at a very low ebb at the present time and unless enough individuals interested in saving the sport locally turn out for Sunday's meeting there will be no baseball in Emmitsburg this year.

It is hoped to elect a slate of officers and directors at Sunday's meeting and since the baseball club is a public institution, the general public is cordially invited and urged to attend. The meeting will get under way at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon at the local VFW Annex.

Welty, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Welty of Emmitsburg. They have one child, Jehn, aged 7, and now make their home at 1849 Crenshaw St., San Diego, California.

## Local Jaycees Announce Projects

President George McDonnell presided at the first general meeting of the newly-formed chapter of the Greater Emmitsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce held Sunday afternoon in the VFW.

During the meeting all members were introduced to each other and President McDonnell introduced the out-of-town guests as follows: George Callan and James Powell of the Frederick Jaycees and Warren Strob, vice president of the state group. Plans were discussed for the first charter night of the local Jaycees and April 21 was designated as the date for the affair. A number of projects was discussed and it was decided to promote these affairs on a local level: "An April Fool's Day teen-age dance; a teen-age safe driving contest and the appointment of a local safety committee.

The group established its regular meeting night as the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 7 p. m. At the same time the chapter designated the second Wednesday of each month as its general meeting night, commencing at 8:30 o'clock.

Carroll Frock Jr., local state director, gave a comprehensive report of the meeting he and a number of other members attended at Towson, Md. last week. Five other officers attended the meeting which included a luncheon last Saturday and during the luncheon a number of awards was presented to outstanding members of the Jaycees, including Dr. Harold Newfield of Frederick. A special guest at the affair was Miss Maryland of 1959-60.

Another new member, Francis Hobbs, was voted into the organization, making a total of 36. The next regular general meeting of the group will be held in the VFW on Wednesday evening, Mar. 9 at 8:30 p. m. and any young men between the age of 21-35 interested in joining the group are invited and urged to attend.

## Heart Fund Drive Extended

Joseph Rodgers, Emmitsburg chairman of the Heart Fund Drive announced this week that the drive which was to be concluded Sunday, will be extended locally, for another week. Canvassers have had difficulty getting through the rural areas to make collections due to the recent snows. Chairman Rodgers and Assistant Chairman Mrs. Robert E. Daugherty announced that the recent card party for the benefit of the drive, netted approximately \$65.

Mr. Bruce E. Crum, General Fund Chairman of the 1960 Fund drive reported that at least 44 district chairmen will arrange for the house-to-house volunteer collection here on February 28, Heart Sunday.

The Heart Sunday collection will be climaxed between noon and 4 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 28, although each volunteer will be free to start a few days earlier.

## Bill Would Inform Public About Loan Associations

Delegate Charles McC. Mathias introduced a bill in the House last week which would require small loan companies to give to the borrower a statement which shows "exactly" what interest is charged in "terms of simple annual interest."

Delegate Mathias said Monday the bill has met with considerable popularity.

He said a number of legislators were concerned about the interest rates charged by small loan companies on small loans, especially in view of the fact that many of the borrowers were ignorant as to how much interest they paid on the loans during a year's time.

It was pointed out that small loan companies are regulated on the amount of interest they may charge on loans under \$300; however, it was pointed out the conditions vary. There are a number of "hidden charges" which some borrowers are not aware of. Also most borrowers are given the interest rates by months and are usually not aware of the interest rate on a yearly basis on the amount borrowed.

Mathias also pointed out that the house defeated a bill to raise the maximum interest rate on industrial loans from loan companies from six to eight per cent.