



# Emmitsburg Chronicle

"READ BY MOST EMMITSBURGIANS"

The Weekend  
Weather Forecast  
Precipitation expected to  
day and again Monday.  
Temperatures will average  
below normal.

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## Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

The present plans of the Corporation of Emmitsburg to raise local inventory taxes on Emmitsburg merchants are bitter pills to swallow, many of them believe. A "special" concession was made two years ago when the local tax rate was revised upwards to 70c on the one hundred dollars of real estate and remained stationary at 50c on the hundred for local businessmen. However just recently the Town Council decided it was time to up the ante on the businessman and that's the way it will be unless Council can be persuaded otherwise. It is understood that a number of merchants will enter an official protest Monday night when the Council holds its regular meeting. It is common knowledge that taxes are at an all-time high and bitter resentment is generated each and every time another increase is proposed. It is the contention and consensus of the local business interests that the town is too small for anyone to ever get rich here and for that matter they feel that taxes have reached their zenith as every dollar spent these days represents a hardship on the business. It is highly likely there will be a delegation of the newly-formed Jaycees and the local Chamber of Commerce at Monday's meeting to protest the increase. It is felt generally that the alarming way in which taxes and the cost of living are rising that they are a deterrent to young men considering entering local business. It is pointed out that it costs a considerable sum of money these days to open a business, pay interest, principal and taxes and that the inventory tax was of an unfair nature to start with and represents an additional strain on any business, old or young.

Another item which should be clarified and undoubtedly modified is the sewer tax structure. Many of our local residents renting rooms and apartments are generally disgusted with the present method of assessing the tax and feel that some sort of relief or modification is needed. Some of our neighboring towns faced the same situation or dilemma when they installed sewerage systems in recent years. By trial and error they managed to correct the situation to the satisfaction of all concerned. Take for example an apartment owner who operated six apartments. In Emmitsburg he would be assessed \$150 in sewer tax alone. In contrast to this Thurmont has a rate structure which gives the apartment operator a "break." For the first apartment he is charged \$10 annually, and for each additional apartment the fee is \$4.00. You can readily see that a great injustice and hardship is being worked on local property-owners. Compare the difference in rates: In Emmitsburg a six-apartment house costs \$150 . . . in Thurmont the rate is \$30.00 for the same convenience or service. Apparently an imposition is being made on Emmitsburg apartment operators. P. S.: In addition Thurmont's tax rate is 60c on the hundred as compared with Emmitsburg's 70c on the \$100.

Dear Abigail:

The Monday evening TV news itemed the passing of Colonel Melvin Purvis—the man who some 25 years ago shot and killed the infamous Dillinger while an FBI man.

Mel Purvis retired from the FBI before the war. As most people know, the FBI boys are usually qualified attorneys. Purvis retired to private practice for reasons of health. Then came the war, and the Army grabbed him for the Judge Advocate General's staff. Purvis was a full colonel, and despite his health restrictions limiting him to the USA, he served most of the war in the European Theater.

It was just before Christmas, in 1945 when he returned to the USA. I should know—I came back with him on the S.S. Lejeune. Mel was an inveterate gin rummy fan, and so was the ship's captain. I spent many an hour in the Captain's cabin kibitzing the games. Mel wanted me around, because he would then invariably win. When I wasn't there, the captain won. (Continued On Page 8)

## College To Award Medal At Convocation

The Saint Louise de Marillac Medal, the annual honor award offered by Saint Joseph College, Emmitsburg, will be presented on March 12 to Miss Mary A. Dixon, of Washington, D. C.

Sister Hilda Gleason, President of Saint Joseph College, will bestow the medal on Miss Dixon, in recognition of her "outstanding personal service on behalf of her neighbors," during an academic program in the college auditorium. Miss Dixon, the librarian at the United States Naval Medical School of the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, was selected as the 1960 recipient by the Most Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle, archbishop of Washington archdiocese, who will preside over the convocation program, and deliver the main address of the day.

In addition to her duties as a professional librarian, Miss Dixon has been lecturer and instructor in Library Science for colleges and many institutions and parishes. Active in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, as well as the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, she is known for her charitable and educational interests. A graduate of Maryland College, in Scranton, Miss Dixon earned graduate degrees at Catholic University and Columbia University.

The Saint Louise de Marillac Medal is awarded to a Catholic laywoman nominated by the hierarchy of her diocese for self-sacrificing personal service to her neighbor. In 1959, the Medal was awarded to Miss Alice R. May, assistant director of Catholic Charities in the Baltimore diocese.

The 1960 Convocation has special significance in view of the current celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the death of St. Elizabeth, Countess of the Daughters of Charity. A tribute to Saint Louise will be offered by Miss Carol Dorr, of Silver Spring, Md., a junior at Saint Joseph College, winner of the Saint Louise de Marillac Speech contest, an annual competition initiated this year by Saint Joseph College.

## License Reissued

The Maryland Dept. of Motor Vehicles announced this week that the driver's license of William Franklin Brawner, R3, Emmitsburg, has been reissued.

## EHS Upsets St. Johns Of Frederick

Teiss Umble, high scorer for the game with 16 and Don Sweeney, a sophomore tallied in overtime Saturday night to give Emmitsburg a 39-37 victory over St. John's at Frederick.

With both quints swapping points, the Johnnies held a slim half-time lead, 16-13.

Using the full court press in the last period, the Liners put it on St. John's with the help of Sweeney, who hit for seven of his nine points and tied the score at 35 all.

St. John's J.V.'s won a close contest over the Emmitsburg five, 35-38.

## Insurance Approval Granted By State

Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company has received approval from the Maryland Insurance Department for new homeowners' rates and on extended deductible plan which combined would reduce previous Nationwide rates about 35 per cent.

The Department approved a flat 15-20 per cent decrease in basic premiums of two of the company's most widely-marketed policies—known as Homeowners "A" and "B" policies. In addition, approval was granted to an optional across-the-board deductible plan which allows up to 23 per cent off the lowered basic premiums.

The across-the-board plan provides for a \$50 deductible on every physical damage peril in the policies, including lightning and fire. It marks the first time an across-the-board deductible has been available in a homeowners contract.

The \$50 deductible "disappears" if the loss exceeds \$500; that is, the company pays full indemnity for a loss of \$500 or more. Three other states—West Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana—have also approved rate reductions and the extended deductible plan.

## Farm Bureau Forms Marketing Cooperative

A national farm marketing cooperative has been incorporated as an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Its name: American Agricultural Marketing Association. Announcement of the new subsidiary was made by Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The objectives of this national association are: (1) To assist State Farm Bureaus in organizing and servicing bargaining associations; (2) To provide a means to coordinate the efforts of the state and regional bargaining associations; (3) To conduct research; analyze contracts and contract terms; and to furnish information on supply, demand, contract prices, etc.; (4) To discuss—and if it becomes necessary, to negotiate—contract terms quality control and related matters with individual companies that operate on a national or regional basis, and with national and regional associations of canners, freezers, processors, packers, buyers and others engaged in, or associated with, the purchasing, handling and selling of agricultural commodities.

The marketing association's inaugural board is comprised of the following who also are members of the AFBF Board's executive committee: Mr. Shuman, AFBF director; Walter L. Randolph, AFBF vice president and Alabama Farm Bureau president; Stacey Cole, New Hampshire Farm Bureau president; Charles Marshall, Nebraska Farm Bureau president; Louis A. Rozzoni, California Farm Bureau president, and Boswell Stevens, Mississippi Farm Bureau president.

It is expected that the first area of activity of the new subsidiary will be in the field of processed fruits and vegetables. Farm Bureau's entry into this new activity stems from requests by members for service in this field, Mr. Shuman said.

Mr. Irvin Tokar continues a patient at the Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, where he has been a patient the past two weeks after suffering a heart attack.

## CLEO M. EYLER

Cleo M. Eyer, 66, of Rocky Ridge, died Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hardy J. Anders, Thurmont, where he has lived for several years. He was the son of the late Clayton and Martha Gilbert Eyer. He was a World War I veteran.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Marshall Sprague, Rocky Ridge, and brother, Leslie Eyer, Gettysburg. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Mt. Taber Church, Rocky Ridge, with the Rev. Samuel A. Moyer officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. M. L. Creager and Son had charge of arrangements.

## Woman Injured In Car Crash

A Sabillasville woman was admitted to the Waynesboro General Hospital Friday suffering from injuries sustained in a two-car collision on Friends Creek road near Sabillasville.

Mrs. Hilda Sanders, a passenger in an automobile driven by Thomas Forrester, 45, of Sabillasville, was admitted to the hospital for treatment of lacerations and contusions of the upper part of her body.

In addition to the injuries to Mrs. Sanders, the two drivers involved in the collision sustained minor injuries, according to police. The accident happened about 7:35 a. m.

It was reported that Forrester was driving south on Friends Creek road and Charles Dillman, 24, Myersville, was driving north when the two cars sidwiped.

The cars, a 1952 Chevrolet driven by Dillman and a 1954 Chevrolet driven by Forrester, were reported demolished.

Both drivers were charged with failing to drive to the right of the center of the highway by Tfc. William G. Morgan, who investigated the accident for the State Police.

## Civil Defense Director Named

George J. Stup, Frederick insurance brokerage contractor, was unanimously approved by the Board of County Commissioners for the vacant County Civil Defense post this week.

Stup's name will be submitted to Gov. Millard J. Tawes for final approval. The post has been vacant since the recent resignation of Lawrence J. Crickenberger.

## County May Lose Federal Financing

Frederick County stands to lose \$111,000 in federal funds if the administration-backed house bill is passed that would eliminate federal aid for education in impacted areas. County Commissioner Delbert S. Null said this week.

Null was one of many county and school officials called to testify Monday before a house subcommittee considering the bill. Congressman John R. Foley, Democrat, Maryland Sixth Congressional district, arranged for the local official to speak.

Foley is opposed to the bill which would not only affect this county but others in the Sixth Congressional District which have been receiving funds under the Federal Aid To Impacted Areas bill.

The hearing followed a luncheon in Washington Monday at which time the County Commissioners from the Western Maryland area were guests of Foley. Discussed were mutual problems shared by the group, that would be of concern when federal legislation is shaped.

The tri-county area—Montgomery, Washington and Frederick—would be the hardest hit in the Sixth Congressional District if the proposed education aid bill passes, it was pointed out.

Montgomery county would lose one and one-half million dollars; Washington county would lose \$284,000 and Frederick county, the \$111,000. Total loss to the three counties would be in the neighborhood of two million dollars.

The proposed bill that eliminates educational aid to impacted areas is House Bill PL 874.

Null said there were school and public officials from as far west as California testifying for the need of the federal funds. Others who testified from this area were several school and county officials from Montgomery and Washington counties.

The proposed legislation would repeal a law that has aided areas where there has been a noted influx of students due to government projects. Frederick County has been one of these areas, mainly due to the Fort Detrick installation. The federal government subsidizes education in the impacted areas on a per head count.

Guests of Congressman Foley in addition to Null included County Attorney Goodloe Byron, Clerk C. Burton Cannon and Donald Woods.

## GIRLS 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Emmitsburg Girls' 4-H Club held its regular meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Paul Beale, seven members present. One new member, Gloria Orndorf, was inducted into the group.

Mrs. Larsen, assistant home agent, was present at the meeting and talked on how to give a good demonstration. Following Mrs. Larsen's talk Carolyn Umbel and Frances Ott gave practice demonstrations on how to wear jumpers. Mrs. Beale gave a demonstration on how to make a dish garden and how to mix and match clothing. The next meeting of the group will be held March 22 at the home of Phyllis Chatlos, in Emmitsburg.

## Hospital Report

Admitted—Dale Ohler, Emmitsburg. Robert Gillelan, Emmitsburg. Discharged—Mrs. J. Laurence Orndorf, Emmitsburg.

Miss Patricia Topper, Emmitsburg.

Stephen Ryder, Emmitsburg.

Births—

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stouter, Emmitsburg RI, son, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kuykendall, Emmitsburg, son, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gilland, Farfield R D, son, Sunday.

## Observance Of Scout Week Planned

Intermediate Girl Scout Troop, under the leadership of Mrs. John Chatlos and Mrs. Robert Myers, was host to the troop of Mrs. Charles Shorb and Mrs. William Kelz at a party Monday afternoon in honor of Thinking Day.

Refreshments were served, after which games were played and songs were sung by the group. The story of the Magic Thread was read by Mrs. Chatlos, assisted by Mrs. Cornett, who showed by the use of thread how Girl Scouting spread throughout the world. The demonstration was followed by the girls contributing to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. \$5.75 was realized for the fund. The party closed with the Flag ceremony with color-bearer Harriet Harner and guards Phyllis Chatlos and Jean Myers.

A meeting of the leaders and assistant leaders of the Girl Scouts met on Friday evening in the American Legion Home to discuss plans for Girl Scout Week, Mar. 6 to 12. The girls in both the Brownie troops and the Intermediate troops will attend church in a body. The Catholic girls will meet at the Legion basement at 8:15 a. m., and attend the 8:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The non-Catholic girls will gather at the Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20 a. m. and attend the 10:30 services there. Leaders will accompany the girls. A Girl Scout display will be arranged during the week in the display window of Crouse's. The week includes Girl Scout Sunday, Homemaking Day on Monday, Citizenship Day on Tuesday, Health and Safety Day Wednesday, International Friendship Day Thursday, Arts and Crafts on Friday and Out of Doors Day Saturday. March 12 is the Girl Scouts' birthday and the cookie sale will begin on Friday, March 11 and continue through March 26. Girls will canvass the town. It also was announced that the final cook-out training period for the ladies who took the leaders' training course, will be held on Wednesday evening, April 6 from 7 to 9 p. m. and the cook-out will be on Saturday, April 9.

## Electric Consumption Record Set

The annual average use of electricity by residential customers of the Potomac Edison Co., continued to climb to record heights during 1959, according to figures released today by the local utility company.

The average residential customer used 3,886 kilowatt hours last year, an increase of 216 kw over 1958. This figure is considerably below the gain of 280 kilowatt hours recorded in 1958, which was the highest yearly gain in the power company's history.

Local kilowatt hour use, however, continues to rank well above the national average. Figures released recently by the Edison Electric Institute place the national residential use in 1959 at 3,550 kilowatt hours, a gain of 184 kw over 1958.

This rate of consumption by local power company customers is expected to continue and use of 4,413 kilowatt hours per residential customer is predicted by the utility this year, which would be a gain of 217 kilowatt hours over 1959.

## Birthday Party Held

A delightful birthday surprise party was given Sunday evening in honor of Miss Corine Kaas at her home. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kaas Jr. and daughters, Virginia and Rosalie, Mr. and Mrs. David Kaas and son, Davy, Fairfield; Mrs. Robert Seidel and children, Judy, Linda, Barbara, Robert Jr., and Eddie; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duble, Emmitsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kreitz and daughters, Rebecca and Mary Edna, Miss Ann Althoff, Edward Althoff, Phil Little, Clarence Knott, Jack Eyer, Thomas Flohr, all of St. Anthony's. Miss Kaas received many lovely gifts. Refreshments were served and music and games were played.

## JOE SULLIVAN HEADS BALL CLUB

Joseph W. Sullivan was elected to head the Emmitsburg Baseball Club at an organizational meeting held last Sunday in the local VFW. Other officers elected at the meeting include Ted Topper as secretary-treasurer and J. Norman Flax as business manager. All officers were elected pro tem. It is hoped to be able to fill the balance of offices at future meetings. The entry of the local club in the Pen-Mar League was discussed but action was deferred until a future meeting.

President Al Waterfield of the Pen-Mar League has called a special meeting of all clubs of the circuit for this Sunday at the VFW in Emmitsburg. All clubs are urged to attend and also any other club wishing to associate with the group. The meeting has been called for 2 p. m.

## NEW STOCK MARKET SECTION

Beginning with today's edition, the CHRONICLE will provide up-to-date Stock Market quotations of the leading companies on the New York Stock Exchange for its readers. The quotations are obtained by a direct line with the firm of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., in Baltimore. They will represent the last market prices of the various securities at the close of business, 3:30 P. M., Thursday afternoons.

Listed for easy reading, the quotations will show the 1959-60 High and Low for each security. Following the name and dividend rate for each security is listed the Open, High, Low and Close of the day, and the Net Change in price from the Close of the previous day's trading.

Further detailed information concerning these securities is available from Thomas C. Hofstetter, Frederick County Representative of Merrill Lynch, Equitable Building, Baltimore 2, Md. Phone MUlberry 5-3200.

## Extra Assessors For County Seems Certainty

Lumen F. Norris, supervisor of county assessments said this week that Frederick County will likely get more tax assessors since this phase of the state budget was not cut.

The supervisor had appealed to legislators to "speed up" this phase of the budget and had made a special trip to Annapolis recently in this behalf.

Although no official word has been received by the county tax office, it is likely that since this phase of the budget was approved as presented, the county assessors' money was included.

Norris pointed out that the new assessors were badly needed in the county as it is now in a general reassessment project and the allowance for two new assessors will hasten the project. At the present time the county has only two assessors. Mr. Norris stated that under present law the state pays 60% of the assessors' salary and the county 40%. The money in the state bill allows for the state's portion of the salary.

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Instantly killed were Clyde M. Ohler, 46, and his wife, Dorothy Newcomer Ohler, 44. The dead man was the only son of Mr. Chester Ohler, R2, Emmitsburg.

The accident occurred at about 10 a. m. Tuesday morning about 3 miles north of Emmitsburg on U. S. Rt. 15.

Double services will be held this afternoon (Friday) at the Wilson Funeral Home, W. Main St., with the Rev. John C. Chatlos, pastor of the United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, officiating. Interment will be in the Mountaintop Cemetery.

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The burn, about the size of a 50-cent piece, was on the inside of the boy's leg. The child, a good-sized youngster for his age, was fully dressed and his heavy clothing was credited with having protected him from more serious burns.

Where the Ohlers were going was unknown. There seemed little this week to bear out a theory advanced early this week that the child had been burned accidentally at home and was being rushed to the hospital at Gettysburg by frantic parents.

Except for some indications that the Ohlers may have left their home several miles east of Emmitsburg in some haste, there was nothing to indicate any emergency. A neighbor noticed their departure at "an unusual time and they seemed to be in a hurry."

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Mrs. Ohler was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Newcomer, R2, Waynesboro, and is survived in addition to her parents, by eight brothers and sisters, most of whom reside in the Waynesboro area.

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