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"READ BY MOST EMMITSBURGIANS"

The Weekend Weather Forecast

Warmer Friday and Saturday, cooler Sunday or Monday. Showers expected over the weekend.

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Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

The present debacle which involves our country and the Russians is a very regrettable one and one that might have been avoided had our State Department been on its toes, so to speak. We had a perfect out when Mr. K made the announcement that one of our espionage planes had been downed. Mr. K at the time announced that he was certain Mr. Eisenhower did not know of the spying activities, which naturally he did. However the State Dept. announced that the President was aware of the situation and that the flights would continue. As long as Mr. K was content to believe that Ike wasn't in the "know" it would have been the wise thing to do to just let it slide by. Now that the Summit Conference has been sabotaged by the Russians the cold war will most certainly be intensified. This means that more money must be spent for defense measures and that we dare not let our guard down for many years to come, skip the disarmament talk and get down to the business of preparing a stronger nation.

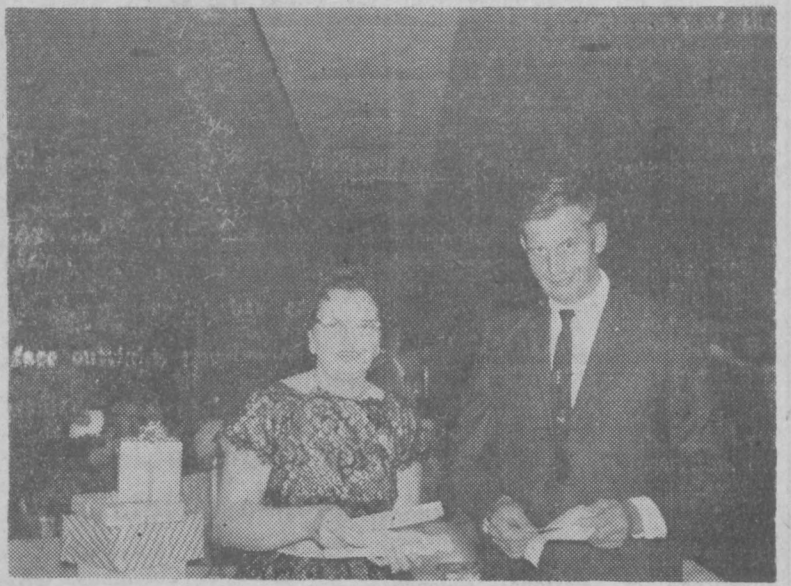
Mr. K's indignation over the incident isn't entirely justified by any means. He has a few skeletons in his own closet. If you remember his visit here last Sept. when he appeared so friendly, and inquisitive, there was spying going on at that very moment, by the Russians. Our State Dept. has announced that while the Red Boss was here two spies were apprehended and deported to Russia while Mr. K was right here in the U. S. The incident was hushed by our authorities to prevent or avoid any unpleasantness during the Budapest Butcher's visitation. As a result before we released the spies and I can't help wonder whether the Russians will be reciprocal in the action... will they release our American flyer? When Mr. K announces the termination or abandonment of the Communist party (fifth column) in this country, then we will know for certain that he really wants to talk peace... but not until then. In the meantime we must back the decision of our President and prepare ourselves for any eventuality.

We talked with our old friend Phil Sharpe the other day and learned that something new in long distance phone calls came to Emmitsburg last Friday. At noon, Phil talked 32 minutes with Brisbane, Australia—about half-way around the world. Phil estimates the airline distance at about 16,000 miles.

The call came in at noon, local time—which was 2 a. m. Brisbane time. We asked Phil what it was all about and he just said—"business—our Australian distributor was planning his sales and production orders for the fall of 1960 and 1961." Naturally I was curious about this call and wanted all possible information. Phil stated that most of the distance was by radio. He got most of his information from the Australian operator. When the call was received, it was so tin-panny as to be practically unintelligible. Phil asked the operator to clear the line. The telephone operator at Oakland, California, came in as clear as a bell. Over the years Phil has talked monthly with his Oakland office and reports that they came in as clearly as a local call—so Oakland called in the operator at Sidney, Australia. He came in OK. About half of the time of the call was spent talking with the Sidney operator to hold the line open while he tried to clean his lines, so Phil had a chance for some small talk.

It seems that in Australia most of the night shift of long distance operators are men. He announced that he could "read me perfectly"—telephone talk for a clean signal. He said that the trouble was overlaid between Sidney and Brisbane, some 600 miles to the north. He asked how Phil "read" him, and was told that "I do not know the decible output, but you sound like a local call." The operator became interested in that and asked if Phil was a "wireless man"—Britain and British colonies do not use the word radio. He was informed that Sharpe played with short-wave 25 years ago. He told the

Couple Observes 25th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Haley Jr., were the guests of honor at a 25th wedding anniversary party given them by their children last Sunday in the VFW Annex. Over 100 friends and relatives were present for the occasion. During the evening an orchestra provided music for dancing and entertainment and a buffet lunch-

eon was served. The couple was the recipient of numerous lovely presents and a host of friends dropped in to offer congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Haley were married on May 11, 1935 in St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, by Rev. Fr. Charles Stouter. They have 5 children and two grandchildren.

Boys' Camp Owner Seeks Tax Assessment Easement

An owner of a boy's camp located in Eyer's Valley, near Emmitsburg, asked the County Commissioners for tax ease in a hearing held this week in Frederick.

Maurice Weisberg, who also teaches at Mt. St. Mary's College, said that his assessment on Camp Pioneer was raised from \$3,100 to \$19,000, making his tax bill eight times above the previous one. His tax bill showed an increase from \$50 to \$400.

Weisberg said he was not complaining about the assessment—but rather he asked the commissioners if there was not some way the increase could be made gradual instead of all at one time.

Lumen Norris, supervisor of assessments, explained that the property assessment was fair in keeping with the state directive and that there was no amortization plan as far as taxes are concerned. He said that Emmitsburg had not been reassessed since 1951—and that if it had, Weisberg's buildings would have been included in part on previous bills.

Weisberg claimed that people are being penalized for improving properties. He said he bought a "run down" farm, made several improvements and transformed it into a camp for boys. His improvements include several cottages, swimming pool, fishing lake, gymnasium and mess hall and art studio. He said the gymnasium-mess hall was converted from an old barn and the art studio is located at what once served as a pig house.

He told the commissioners that

his improved property has increased the value of other properties in the area, and said he should not be "penalized because he made a place beautiful.

Weisberg said his property is located amid a "slum area" and asked the commissioners if they could not do something about those who take "squatter's rights" and keep undesirable properties. He said he felt there was a fallacy in the tax structure, if persons could not be forced to improve their property.

It was explained that the county has no building code. The only way areas can be controlled is through zoning, and this cannot affect buildings existing prior to the zoning laws.

Weisberg pointed out that the county school children participating in the outdoor education program make free use of his facilities. He also said that during the summer he takes some boys who do not have financial ability to pay for camping.

The commissioners said, since it was agreed his assessment was equitable, there could be no ease. They noted however they would have the county attorney investigate the situation as far as tax ease in using the facilities on a part-time basis for a county educational program.

Weisberg told the commissioners, the county was missing a good thing when it does not explore improvements that would attract more tourists to appreciate the natural beauties of the area. He said one of the most scenic lookouts is now the site of the Emmitsburg dump.

Vandals Still Operating

Vandals continued their depredations despite repeated warning by the Town Council this week. Most of the destruction has occurred around Community Field. In addition the theft of a number of baseballs from the baseball clubhouse was reported. The Police Department announced that several traffic stop signs had been knocked down again after having just been replaced last week.

Repeated warnings by Town Officials has not deterred this wave of vandalism and parents are asked to cooperate with the Police Dept. by making certain that none of their children are involved. Offenders apprehended will be prosecuted by law.

The Council also announced this week that there would be no free weed cutting in the alleys or around property this year. Property-owners are responsible, under law, to keep weeds trimmed during the summer months, or growing season. Streets and roads are scheduled for improvement this summer within the corporate limits.

Building Permits Issued

Building permits were issued this week in Frederick to Ellsworth Feeser, Taneytown, who is constructing an \$11,000 brick veneer house with five rooms, bath, basement and garage on Six's Bridge Road in Emmitsburg District for Paul Six of Route 2, Emmitsburg, and for a \$4,000 frame home with four rooms, both, basement and carport on the Kelbaugh Road in Thurmont District to be completed next year by Charles Brooks of Route 2, Thurmont.

To Receive Honorary Degree

The Rev. Francis J. Dodd, C.M., director of the Eastern Province of the Sisters of Charity since 1929, will receive an honorary LL.D. degree at the 152nd commencement exercises of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, on June 1 at 10:30 a. m. Gov. David L. Lawrence of Pennsylvania will deliver the graduation address to the 150 seniors.

A native of Brooklyn, N. Y., Fr. Dodd received both his A.B. and M.A. from St. John's University, as well as an LL.D. in 1957. He received his Ph.D. from De Paul U. in 1920. Ordained in 1912, Fr. Dodd taught science at both St. John's and Niagara U. In 1919 he became director of seminarians at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Niagara U. From 1927 to 1929 he served as president of Niagara.

During World War I, Fr. Dodd served as an army chaplain at Camp Merritt, N. J. He is a member of the American Catholic Philosophic Association.

12 Seek Tax Assessors Job

Two Republicans and ten Democrats were recommended to the County Commissioners by the Democratic State Central Committee for two new positions in the local tax assessors office.

The recommendations were made last week at the same time that Mrs. Charlotte Yarroll was recommended as the new county treasurer and the 12 names recommended were forwarded to the County Commissioners late last week.

It is understood that the County Commissioners will forward all 12 names on to the State Tax Commission and let the state body decide which two to appoint.

Three recommendations are required for each vacancy in the state tax assessors office, so at least six names had to be submitted for the two vacancies, it was pointed out.

Mr. J. L. Nester, Emmitsburg, was one of the 10 Democrats mentioned for the position.

Census Shows County Growth

According to the latest census figures released by George R. Hughes Jr., district supervisor, Frederick is listed as the fourth most populated county in the 6th Congressional District.

Total 1960 Census figures for population are as follows: Allegany County, 33,834; Frederick County, 71,985; Garrett County, 20,253; Montgomery County, 338,188, and Washington County, 89,287.

In addition, 1960 Census figures for population for municipalities of over 10,000 population in the same area are:

Cumberland, 33,260; Frederick, 21,668; Hagerstown, 36,301; Rockville, 25,118, and Takoma Park, 11,104.

\$1600 Damage

Damage totaled \$1,600 when 2 cars collided three miles north of here on the Gettysburg Rd. Monday morning at 11:40 o'clock.

Police said Lester F. McLaughlin, 51, Gettysburg R2 was driving north and attempted to make a left turn across the highway to park on that side. Police said McLaughlin's car cut into the path of Michael Angelo Castaldo, 21, Oswego, N. Y., who was driving south.

Damage was estimated at \$1100 to McLaughlin's auto and \$500 to Castaldo's.

Future Teachers Active During Month



Pictured above is the FTA group at Emmitsburg High School. Front row, left to right: Harriet Hahn, Judy Flowers, Frances Sawyer, Lona Frock and Judy K. Valer. Back row, left to right: Tom Humerick, Linda Knox, Lois Sawyer, Mrs. Margaret Polley, Jean Andrew, Connie Sanchez, Nancy Glass and Susan McClain.

Kennedy Sweeps State

Pre-election predictions came true Tuesday as Senator John Kennedy swept the state of Maryland with the largest vote ever accorded a Democratic candidate in a primary election.

It was a foregone conclusion that the young affable Senator would win over his opponent, Senator Wayne Morse, by a vast majority but it was never expected that he would garner 70% of the entire state's vote.

In Emmitsburg, the balloting ran to form, Kennedy receiving a large majority over his opponent. Precinct No. 1 gave Kennedy 66 votes to Morse's 8; Precinct 2, Kennedy 105, Morse, 4; Precinct 3, Kennedy, 62, Morse, 13. The county, following the state pattern showed Kennedy received 2306 ballots to Morse's 570.

In the race for Congress from the Sixth District, incumbent John R. Foley, Democrat, easily outdistanced his opponent, Taylor, 2479 to 423.

In the Republican race for Congress from this district Charles Mc. Mathias easily outdistanced his other two opponents. Mathias polled 2298 votes as compared to Duvall's 62 and Buchanan's 102. Mathias is from Frederick and at present is a member of the State Legislature, being a delegate from Frederick County. No presidential candidates for the Republican party were listed on the ballot.

It is interesting to note that of the 258 votes cast in Emmitsburg, 233 were for Kennedy while Morse received 25.

Statewide Senator Kennedy snowed under his opposition 200,252 to 49,225.

High School Senior Play Tonight

An evening of suspense and entertainment is being planned by the Senior Class of Emmitsburg High School, when they present the annual Senior Class Play tonight (Friday), at 8:15 p. m. in the school auditorium. The play they selected is a three act mystery farce by Jay Tobias entitled "Spooks and Spasms." The plot centers around an old, supposedly haunted, farm house which was inherited by the young niece, Shirley Hahn, and her family when the original owner died. To give her little brother, Clarence Umbel, a new slant on life; to cure her sister, Lois Fisher, of occultism and to release her aunt, Peninah Gingell, of the beliefs in "Spooks and Spasms," she enters into an intrigue with the caretakers. Many weird and hilarious situations develop.

The following cast of characters will make your spines tingle with their screams, ghosts, murders, and supernatural staging effects:

Minerva Hawkwood, the housekeeper, Sandra Hartle; Benji Hawkwood, her half-witted nephew, Edward Miller; Carol Calloway, the new owner of Ravenstein farm, Shirley Hahn; Miss Eunice Tuthill, her aunt, Piny Gingell; Allie Katz, her maid, Carolyn Wastler; Sidney Calloway, here little brother, Clarence Umbel; Ione Calloway, her younger sister, Lois Fisher; Dicky Bird, Ione's fiance, Jack White; Clemuel McClatchin, an undertaker, Robert Keilholtz; Rex Rosner, a young plastic surgeon, Pat Zimmerman, and Gerda Ravenstein, an escaped maniac, Violet Kefauver.

Petroleum makes up 55 per cent of all the freight moving on the oceans of the world.

Jaycees Present Road-e-o Awards



Pictured above is the presentation of awards to the winners of the recent Jaycee Road-e-o at the regular meeting and election of the Greater Emmitsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce held last week. Shown on the left is President George McDonnell presenting plaques to the winners, left to right, Randolph Valentine (1), Robert Keilholtz (2), and John D. White Jr. (3).

Local Team Wins Two Straight

Despite a big inning in the first when three runs were scored, Fairfield dropped a hotly-contested contest to Emmitsburg, 7-6, last Sunday at Emmitsburg, in Pen-Mar Baseball League action.

An additional run in the second gave the Pennsylvanians a lead of 4-0 over the locals, a lead which they enjoyed until the fifth when Emmitsburg had its big inning, tying the score at 6-6. Another tally in the seventh iced the contest for the locals. Stoner, Dick Swomley and Boyle were the leading power hitters for Emmitsburg, Stoner rapping out three for five, Swomley two for five and Boyle, two for five. D. Sites provided the power for Fairfield with three for five. The win put Emmitsburg in first place in the league with a 2-0 record as Mike Joy pitched his second straight win.

Emmitsburg	Ab	R	H	Rbi
K. Swomley, 3b	4	1	1	0
Sweeney, cf	3	3	1	1
D. Swomley, ss	5	0	2	1
Stoner, c	5	1	3	2
Boyle, lf	5	1	2	1
M. Joy, p	1	1	0	0
Hewitt, 1b	3	0	1	0
D. Joy, 2b	5	0	1	2
Gelwicks, rf	4	0	1	0

Totals	35	7	12	7
Fairfield	Ab	R	H	Rbi
Shriner, ss	5	1	1	0
Harbaugh, 2b	4	2	1	0
D. Sites, 3b	5	3	2	0
R. Weikert, rf	3	0	1	1
Clarr, rf	2	0	1	0
G. Weikert, 1b-p	6	0	1	1
Wortz, cf	3	0	0	0
Scott, lf	5	0	1	2
Needy, c	0	0	0	0
Orner, p	3	0	0	0
B. Sites, 1b	1	0	0	0
Sutter, 1b	1	0	0	0

Totals	38	6	7	4
Emmitsburg	W	L	Pct.	
Taneytown	2	0	1.000	
Blue Ridge	1	1	.500	
Fairfield	0	2	.000	

Burns Are Fatal To Edward Bowers

Edward E. Bowers died Monday at the Warner Hospital as the result of burns he sustained over two months ago when he accidentally walked into a trash fire at his home on the Old Quarry Road near St. Anthony's. He was aged 72 years.

The deceased was the son of the late Isaac S. and Annie Fleagle Bowers. He was employed by the Sisters of Charity for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Lehr Bowers, and seven children, John E., Francis V., and Charles R., at home; Mrs. Herbert Ecker, Hanover; Harry I. Bowers, Hometown, Pa.; Mrs. John Smith, Baltimore, and Miss Paula F. Bowers, Baltimore.

Four grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Frances Woodring, Waynesboro, and Miss Annabelle Bowers, Havre de Grace and one brother, Thomas Bowers, of Waynesboro, also survive.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Emmitsburg.

Funeral services were held on Thursday morning at 10 a. m. with a requiem mass at St. Joseph's Church. Rev. Martin J. Slesman officiated. Interment was in Mountainview Cemetery. Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, had charge of arrangements.

Happy Johnny Will Entertain Lions Monday

Happy Johnny of Radio Station WFMD will be the guest entertainer at the regular meeting of the Emmitsburg Lions Club to be held Monday evening in the Lutheran Parish Hall, it has been announced by the program director, J. Ralph McDonnell.

Following the business meeting the general public is cordially invited to attend the entertainment to be furnished by Happy Johnny. The entertainment will consist of songs and music and the entertainer will be accompanied by his wife, Vonnice. There is no charge for admission. During the evening the guest will give a short talk on juvenility. Parents are invited to bring along their children to the entertainment at 7:45 p. m.

K of C Nominates For Election

Nominations for the coming election of officers of Brute Council 1860, Knights of Columbus, are held at the regular meeting that group held Monday night, Grand Knight Curtis D. Topper presiding.

The nominating committee, composed of Guy A. Baker Sr., Quinn F. Topper and J. Everett Chrimer, submitted the following slate of officers for election: Grand Knight, William E. Sanders, R. J. McCullough and Curtis D. Topper; deputy grand knight, Lumen F. Norris and C. Arthur Elder; chancellor, Jacob Baker and Robert A. Seidel; warden, Clyde J. Eyer and Carl Wetzel; recorder, Ray Lauer; treasurer, William L. Topper and Richard Topper; chaplain, Rev. James Twomey; advocate, J. Ward Kerrigan, Frank S. Topper and Dominic Greco; inside guard, Geo. Kramer and Thomas Seltzer; outside guard, Bernard Ott Jr., and Bernard Welty; trustee, Cy Haley and Curtis D. Topper; delegate to state convention, Guy A. Baker Sr., Francis Sanders; alternates, Carl Wetzel and Frank S. Topper.

It was announced that the fifth Sunday in May would be communion Sunday for the group and all members were urged to receive communion on that date.

Lumen F. Norris, retreat captain, reported that a retreat was planned at Manresa for the weekend of June 10 and invited members to register for the affair. During the meeting certificates were presented to members who received the third degree. Robert Gelwicks, general chairman of the communion breakfast held last Sunday, reported 103 members and guests were in attendance at the affair.

A letter from Paul Little, a hospitalized member, was read. One new member, John B. Wetzel, was voted into the organization. The possible purchase of road signs was discussed but no action was taken. A committee was appointed and authorized to erect a fence in the rear of the council home.

Usually, a hook with a shank of regular length is best and will catch most fish. Hooks with very short or long shanks should not be used except for special purposes.—Sports Afield.

Much of today's high octane gasoline is refined with the aid of a platinum catalyst.