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"READ BY MOST EMMITSBURGIANS"

The Weekend

Weather Forecast

Cooler Friday and rather cool through Monday. Showers will average about one-half inch.

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Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

The whole area has been deluged with an avalanche of small insects which have been plaguing the citizenry for the past week. Quite a number of residents were alarmed by the number of the tiny insects which appear almost everywhere, inside and outside the houses. So minute are the creatures that they are hardly visible to the naked eye. However they are not new to this section, some residents maintain. They are commonly known as "oats bugs" and will disappear just as quickly as they came on the scene.

Miraculous is the adjective to describe the escape from injury and death of a seven-year-old boy who was plummeted over Niagara Falls over the weekend. Anyone who has seen these majestic falls and the enormous quantity of water which cascades over them, shudder at the thought of anyone being swept over and the resultant 161-foot drop. Attempts to conquer the mighty falls in metal tubes and barrels have resulted in death to the would-be conquerors every time. However the small lad had no protection whatsoever, except a life jacket he was using while boating above the falls. The boat was capsized and the lad, his little sister and a man operator, tossed into the rapids. The girl was rescued by two brave men from New Jersey who were viewing the Falls at the time. The rescuers jumped in just ahead of the break and seized the girl but the boy was carried on over to the precipitous drop, nearly 200 feet below. I forget the name of the award given annually for heroism of this nature but I hereby nominate these two men for their brave and noble act of rescuing the girl, for this award. It was truly heroic.

Some clear and forthright thinking is due concerning the attempts to consolidate the local public school with that of Thurmont. It's time for both sides to get together for some intelligent discussion before drastic action is taken and which might create some bitter feeling locally. It is now time for a committee to be formed to discuss concretely and intelligently with the School Board any consolidation plans and to offer a proposed site for a new school which would accommodate students from the two towns. In my own personal opinion I believe that a representative from every organization in town should be appointed to this committee to meet with the School Board Representatives from the Town Council, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, PTA, veterans organizations, etc., should be named on this committee and determine just what land is available, if any, between the two towns, for the construction of a new school which might possibly give our children a better educational setup and at the least inconvenience to all concerned. There is plenty of land in the seven miles between here and Thurmont and a name for the school should be given that would make all feel that equality had not been forgotten. Perhaps something like Em-Thur School or Emmitsburg-Thurmont Consolidated High, etc. could be selected so that both towns would feel that they hadn't been forgotten and that they both had equal rights and representation in the matter. This would assuage the feelings of both towns and alumni associations I feel, and both groups would work in harmony for the welfare of the school. However, someone has to take the initiative and just who is that going to be? I would suggest the general populace give some deep thought to this important matter before it is too late.

SHRIMP FEED SUNDAY

A shrimp and chicken feed, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, will be held this Sunday afternoon at Kump's Dam Park, President Bernard Welty has announced. The affair will be staged and servings will start at 2 p. m. and continue until 6 o'clock. The tickets, selling for \$3.50 each, will be on sale at the gate and the public is invited.

BETROTHED



Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Kaas Jr., Thurmont R2, announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Ellen, to Edward Francis Althoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Althoff, Emmitsburg R1. Miss Kaas is a graduate of Thurmont High School, class of 1960.

Mr. Althoff is employed at St. Joseph's Central House, Emmitsburg. No date has been set for the wedding.

Group Opposes Expenditure For New School

Editor, Emmitsburg Chronicle:

A recent article released to the newspapers by the School Board warns the taxpayers of Frederick that another High School building is needed in Thurmont, because the Thurmont High School which is now filled to capacity, will be overflowing when the children from Emmitsburg District are transferred, consequently, the School Board has voted to build a new school. While the cost has not yet been established, previous estimates by the School Board place the new structure at \$1,200,000.00.

This new structure in Thurmont is a part of the "immediate and long range school building program" set up by the School Board covering the period from 1955 to 1965 during which time they plan to spend \$13,000,000 more in addition to what has already been spent for school construction. This expenditure will increase the total bonded indebtedness of Frederick County to approximately \$25,000,000 and increase taxes about 30%.

Fact Finders, Inc., a new organization in Frederick County whose objective it is to acquaint the voting public with the operation of our local government, feels obligated to report that this expenditure would be ill-advised and improper at this time because other investments of the same nature have failed to produce the result desired — better education. We point with dismay to the \$12,386,862.00 indebtedness existing now in Frederick County because of expenditures on monumental school structures. Some of this could easily have been avoided. We point to unnecessary expenditures for architects, lavish landscaping, consolidation of schools and the monumental growth of the administrative office and supervisory force.

It is perfectly obvious to many taxpayers that the School Board has entirely lost its objective. The time is here when the primary function of the School Board should be re-established and attention focused on teaching children. Fact Finders, Inc. submits to the voters of Frederick County that the need here is not for school buildings, rather we need an administration which will provide Frederick County with a sound educational program. We should insist that our teachers be restored to a position of admiration and respect. After this has been accomplished, Frederick County can still buy athletic and shop equipment, office cars, fancy buildings and new desks for the office, things would again be listed in their proper order. At the present time, we have the cart before the horse.

Voters and taxpayers who share these thoughts and wish to put them into action, should:

1. Write a letter to the editor of their local newspaper who would be glad to publish it for others to see.
2. Call or write the County Commissioners. Insist that they tie a knot in the County purse string.
3. Call the School Board.
4. Let the candidates for public office know your thoughts.

Sportsmen's Carnival July 21, 22, 23

The fourth annual carnival sponsored by the Indian Lookout Conservator Club will be held on Firemen's Field for three big days, President James Kemp announced this week.

The three days selected are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 21-23 inclusive. A fine program of entertainment has been scheduled and the patrons will find no trouble at all finding an amusement or entertainment to fill their needs. Rides for the children have been booked and in addition there will be pony rides. For the adults there'll be bingo, various other games, music and good food.

On display on the grounds will be an interesting wild game display under the auspices of the Maryland Fish and Inland Game Commission. Each night of the affair there will be valuable drawings and awards and on Saturday night there will be five big drawings. This year's affair will be an abbreviated one, reducing the program from six nights to three but the club feels that with the excellent programming scheduled there will be ample time to fill the public's quest for entertainment.

The proceeds from the affair will go towards improving the club's recently purchased tract of land near town and also to reduce the mortgage existing from the purchase. The general public is cordially welcome to attend the carnival.

JAYCEES PLAN NUMBER OF PROJECTS

The Greater Emmitsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record Wednesday evening at its regular monthly meeting as favoring an expanding curriculum and the addition of more teachers, plus other improvements at the local Public High School. If this is not possible or practical then a consolidated school located at a satisfactory point between Emmitsburg and Thurmont would be acceptable.

President Donald Eyerer presided at the meeting at which the following resolution was adopted: The Emmitsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce goes on record as favoring an improvement in the facilities, along with adequate curriculum expansion at the present Emmitsburg High School. If this is not feasible or possible then consent would be given to the erection of a consolidated plant at a point about midway between the communities of Thurmont and Emmitsburg.

During the meeting the Chapter approved the following projects presented by the various project committee chairmen: A chicken barbecue to be held in early August on a Sunday afternoon; a car wash to be held on Saturday, July 30, the charge being \$1; a minstrel show some time in the fall.

State Director George L. Danner reported the Maryland Association will hold its planning session next Friday evening in Annapolis and on Saturday the regular state meeting will be held at which time the plans for the balance of this year will be voted on. All officers were urged to attend this meeting tonight. Local officers planning on attending this session of the state group are President Donald Eyerer, Geo. L. Danner and Joseph Elliott. Members are also invited to attend.

The group decided that beginning with August the meetings will be held in the Fire Hall. The general meeting on the second Wednesday of each month will start at 8:30 p. m., and the Board of Directors' meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p. m.

County Will Get New Radio Station

The Federal Communications Commission has granted Muscula Heights, Inc. a license for a new radio station in Frederick County. Until last week, WFMD was the lone radio outlet in Frederick.

Call letters haven't yet been assigned the embryonic project, which intends to break ground near Frederick immediately. The transmission is at 500 watts and the frequency located on the waveband at 1370 kilocycles.

C. B. Shaughnessy, Mt. St. Mary's Faculty, Expires

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 a. m. at The Sacred Heart Church in Chestertown, Md., for Charles B. Shaughnessy, 63, well-known language professor of Mount St. Mary's College. Mr. Shaughnessy had been ill for about a year and was hospitalized the past two weeks. He died Friday in the Kent and Queen Anne Hospital in Chestertown where he was spending the summer months. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John L. Sheridan, president of the college, officiated at the requiem Mass.



The deceased was chairman of the Department of Modern Languages at Mt. St. Mary's, and husband of Mrs. Adelaide Kratzer Shaughnessy of Kent County, Md.

He had been ill for the last year, although he had continued his teaching at the college.

A native of Springfield, Mass., he was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R. I., with a B.A. degree in 1919. He received his M.A. from Columbia U. in 1930 and attended graduate classes at many schools throughout the United States and Canada including Middlebury College, Brown University, Columbia University, Dalhousie and the Sorbonne in Paris.

He taught modern languages at Washington College, Chestertown, from 1920-24. He began his 35-year teaching career at Mount St. Mary's in 1925. Dubbed "CBS" by his students, he had become a legend among Mountaineer undergraduates. He was an expert antique enthusiast and authority on rare antique children's books of which he had an extensive and unusual collection.

He was also an avid gardener and his home opposite the college on Rt. 15 is a showplace.

He was a member of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and the Modern Language Association. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Chestertown. The pallbearers were Dr. John W. Richards, Prof. Richard J. McCullough, James J. Phelan, Guy A. Baker Jr., and John J. Dillon, members of the Mt. St. Mary's faculty, and Alex A. Koswick.

Funds For School Site Purchase Are Denied

The Board of County Commissioners stated Wednesday they "do not concur" with a proposal made by the Board of Education for the purchase of a school site at Thurmont.

The Commissioners acted Wednesday after receiving a letter from Dr. James A. Sensenbaur, Superintendent of Frederick County Schools, asking their opinion on the purchasing of a 35 acre site at Thurmont to be used for building a school at a future date. Dated July 7, the letter stated that the property at Thurmont is presently owned by John C. Royer and Albert L. Staub and is in the vicinity of Royer's Restaurant.

The letter stated that the site is sewerable and can be reached by water from the Thurmont facilities.

The Board of Education is not interested in constructing a building in the immediate future at the site, the letter indicated, but "feels it is desirable to buy the site now that it is available."

There are sufficient funds in an interest account to cover the cost of the property which is reported as \$30,000, the letter continues. The Commissioners did not elaborate on their decision.

Mrs. Marie Hubbard and children, Charles, Suzanne, Roland and Patricia, Mrs. Marie Gellwicks and Mrs. Ethel Jones, vacationed several days last week at Ocean City, Md.

Reader Discusses School Situation

Editor, Emmitsburg Chronicle:

I am impressed by the fact that among the people whose names have appeared these last few weeks spearheading "total opposition to any consolidation," not one has a child in the Emmitsburg Public School. Perhaps they can afford not to be concerned with the real issue at stake—a better education program for our public school students of Emmitsburg.

Last year there were 85 students in the Emmitsburg Senior High School, each with varied interests and abilities. The Board of Education apparently feels it can better serve the needs of our senior high school students, the needs of our community and the taxpayers of Frederick County with a consolidated senior high school for this area. This would also result in advantages and improvements for our remaining elementary and junior high school. Improved conditions, facilities, and opportunities for the education of our children hardly seems a step in the wrong direction.

Actually the articles which have appeared in the paper have left me a little confused as to whether the group is fighting the amount of real estate tax for education or senior high school consolidation. One article said "should consolidation become effective a hike in Frederick County real estate taxes was inescapable."

In these articles which have been so strongly "totally opposed to any consolidation" and which state that steps are being taken to block any consolidation move, there appeared one reference which caught my attention — "many citizens from both Emmitsburg and Thurmont would rather see a new school erected about half way between here and Thurmont." Could we have some discussion on a suitable and acceptable site for a new school instead of just "total opposition?"

Signed—A hopeful, interested parent and resident of Emmitsburg.

NIKIRK MUST FILE ANSWER

Three judges have refused dismissal by demurrer of disbarment proceedings against former State's Attorney Edwin F. Nikirk and have ordered an answer from him concerning the charges recently brought by the Frederick County Bar Association.

The three judges from Montgomery County sat in Circuit Court in Frederick on June 30 and heard arguments for and against the dismissal.

In an order received Thursday by the Circuit Court, Nikirk is ordered to file an answer on the charges by July 20.

Signing the order are Judges Thomas M. Anderson, Kathryn J. Lawlor and James H. Pugh sitting as judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County.

They say in the order: "It is the Court's opinion that the petition of the Bar Association of Frederick County (a petition for disbarment of Nikirk) against Edwin F. Nikirk presents a cause of action against" him.

The Court said it has given "careful consideration" to the arguments and authorities presented by counsel for both Nikirk and the Bar Association.

The Bar Association moved for disbarment proceedings against Nikirk after he had pleaded nolo contendere to an income tax charge and was sentenced in a federal court in Baltimore on his plea. Nikirk served four months of a year's sentence in a federal prison in addition to being fined \$7,500.

Former Judge Cornelius P. Mundy of Baltimore, Benjamin B. Rosenstock and Wm. M. Storm, Frederick attorneys served as counsel for Nikirk in the demurrer hearing.

They contended that a "nolo contendere" or no contest plea did not prove guilt of a person, and that under the Maryland law it is necessary to prove guilt of an alleged wrong for a disbarment proceeding.

It was also pointed out the Bar Association would have to prove guilt in the tax evasion case through its own efforts since the local Bar would not be given tax investigation records by the Federal officials. It was also stressed that nolo contendere plea leaves no presumption of guilt in a subsequent action.

Charles U. Price, Robert E. Clapp Jr. and James McSherry representing the Bar Association in the demurrer arguments claiming that a conviction on a plea of nolo contendere is sufficient evidence to raise a presumption of guilt.

ENGAGED



Mr. and Mrs. R. Shaffer Bailey of Thurmont, announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Roddy, to Michael Anthony Topper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Topper, Emmitsburg.

Miss Bailey will enter her senior year at St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg in September. Mr. Topper is a student at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

Local Man Injured In Vehicular Mishap

An Emmitsburg area man, Martin Stouter, 49, was painfully injured last Friday afternoon at about 12:45 o'clock when the road roller he was operating was struck by a passenger car on Route 97. Stouter was thrown from the vehicle and hurled some distance away landing prostrate on the highway. So terrific was the impact that it turned the roller completely around in the opposite direction and demolished it.

Police Chief W. E. Law who investigated the accident just east of Flat Run Bridge in the Emmitt Gardens area, said Stouter was headed east as was the vehicle which was traveling at a high rate of speed and operated by William Conrad Renner, 45, of Baltimore.

Renner was uninjured but a passenger in his car, Mrs. Hazel Carmichael, 37, of 101 Fourth avenue, Landsdown, was treated at the Gettysburg hospital for cuts of the face and knee and numerous contusions and bruises. Stouter was hospitalized for two days.

Law said both the 4-ton roller and car were demolished.

Carole Wensehof, 17, Fairfield R1, was admitted to the hospital with lacerations of the nose, upper lip, right forearm and left knee as a result of an accident just west of Emmitsburg on the Waynesboro Rd. at 4:45 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Homer Anusmus, 35, Temperance, Mich., also injured in the head-on collision between two cars, was treated at the hospital for a severe ragged laceration of the lower lip, a broken upper front tooth, and multiple cuts and contusions of all extremities.

Local Grange Favors "Midway" School

The Emmitsburg Grange met at the cottage of Norman Shriver with Master Bernard Welty presiding. There were 30 members and their families present for the annual weiner roast.

A letter was read extending an invitation to the members to visit the industries in Frederick in late October.

Community Service Contest entries were ordered sent to the Deputy.

Mrs. Clara Harner thanked the members who helped clean up the debris at her farm which was caused by the recent storm.

It was announced that the 3rd quarterly meeting of Frederick County Pomona Grange will be held the last Saturday of July at Ligonore Grange in Unionville.

Also announced was that the baking contest will be run off on the first Saturday in August. There will be a bake sale in conjunction with the contest at the Fire Hall, Mrs. Pauline Watkins reported.

The Grange went on record as opposing the moving of the senior department of the high school to Thurmont, but would consider a point for the location of the new school midway between Thurmont and Emmitsburg.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Watkins on Aug. 17, beginning at 7:00 p. m. It will be a covered dish supper.

The only things worth saying are those all men know, but which they have forgotten.

Lutheran Church Picnic-Supper Saturday

Final preparations for the annual Festival and Ham Supper sponsored by the Lutheran Church have been made and the affair will get under way Saturday afternoon.

The feature of the affair of course will be the serving of the delicious supper. Supper will commence at 4 o'clock and continue until all are served.

The affair, which annually draws hundreds to the church grounds will have the gala air of an old time country festival. On sale will be a host of home-baked products and the local public's favorite country store will be available to those wanting to purchase various items. Music will be furnished by the Church Band during the evening. Rain or shine, Pastor Philip Bower says the affair will be held, retreating, if necessary, into the parish hall. Suppers will sell at \$1.25 and the general public is invited to the event.

LIONS CLUB PLANS BROOM SALE

President Ralph F. Ireland presided at the regular meeting of the Emmitsburg Lions Club held Monday night in the Lutheran Parish Hall, 20 members in attendance.

During the meeting a broom sale was discussed and it was decided to hold a sale sometime in the near future. The brooms will be ordered from a Taneytown manufacturer and the proceeds from the sale will be used for the club's community work fund.

The date for the annual picnic was set for sometime in August. William G. Morgan gave a progress report on the Horse Show which will be held Sept. 18. Mr. Morgan thanked the advertising committee for its excellent work to date stating that better than half the advertising for the catalog had been sold. Plans were made to ready the grounds for the show. Permanent seats will be placed on the grandstand and other property painted in the near future. Dr. D. L. Beagle, chairman of the old eyeglasses drive, announced the drive was completed but that if any citizens had any old glasses about their homes they would still be accepted provided they were deposited at the receptacle located in The Farmers State Bank. The glasses will be shipped to Lions International in the near future for world-wide distribution to indigent families and individuals. Discussed also was a sale of used clothing for migrant workers. Vice President William Morgan, a member of the Employment Security Office in Frederick reported there were hundreds of migrants in the county at this time of the year and were in need of used clothing. The club decided to under take the project in the near future.

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Firemen Give Correct Method Of Reporting Fires

In an effort to avert future confusion when calling in fires in this area, the Vigilant Hose Company this week listed the following procedure when reporting all fires. The information gives four important steps to be taken when reporting a fire. In order these steps should be observed:

1. Know the phone number—Hillcrest 7-4141.
 2. State name and COMPLETE address.
 3. Say what is on fire.
 4. Stay on the phone until you are sure all the facts are received correct.
- You cannot forget or let out one of these steps. An example of reporting a fire is:
- Dial 7-4141—"Hello, I want to report a car on the Taneytown road just east of the John Doe farm. I am John Doe and will meet you at the car"—then keep on the phone until the person answering it tells you to hang up.

If you leave the phone before all the questions are answered, it will cause needless delay in the arrival of the Fire Co. If you are new to this area—ask who your neighbors are and the name of the former owner of your property, this will help in locating you quickly.

Remember—The fire company can only act quickly when the facts and location are known. Help us serve you better by knowing how to properly report a fire.