

Merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all



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The Weekend Weather Forecast
Colder today and remaining cold until warmer Sunday. Snow expected about Monday.

Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

Exterior Christmas decorations appear to be a trifle belated this year as the happy occasion of Christmas nears. In previous years, when contests were conducted, it was not unusual to witness elaborate displays two weeks before the big day. However this year things seem to be lagging and it has been noticed that several of those individuals who previously went "all out" in their endeavor to outdo their neighbor, have cut back on the extensiveness of their decorating. It could be that perhaps a number of them haven't as yet recuperated from shoveling the two snows we had in the past week. Stiff backs, legs, arms, necks and muscles are commonplace these days. Another deterrent factor in holding up the decorating, or at least dampening the spirit of the occasion, is the frigid weather. Many are hesitant about going outdoors for an hour or two, or even more, to erect exterior lights and ornaments. I can't say that I blame them too much but you can rest assured that Christmas Eve the old burg will have enough lights and trimmings to let everyone know it's Christmas in Emmitsburg once again.

Christmas can be a time of joy or sorrow. Just think of those poor families who lost loved ones tragically in those plane crashes, ship fires, accidents, etc. Also members of local families who lost loved ones so near to Christmas. In retrospect we've lost a half dozen local citizens here in the past two weeks. On the other hand there's plenty to rejoice for. It is Christ's birthday, we are at peace, even if the rest of the world isn't and we've got prosperity and just about everything we need to lead a normal and happy life. Oh yes, we all could use more but then we shouldn't become greedy or selfish either with all the misery and misfortune prevalent elsewhere in this wide world. Yes, it's time to count your blessings, strive to be more tolerant of our neighbors' faults, and our own. Indeed this is a time for meditation as we are about to enter a new year.

Given much thought to seeing a good show lately? Perhaps not, most of us haven't been to a theater for quite some time and that's just the reason we might lose our local theater again. Attendance has been poor, perhaps the weather, perhaps we're too busy Christmas shopping. Anyway something must be done if our local theater is to continue doing business, and soon. Surely Emmitsburg, with 4500 citizens and the second largest voting district in the county can support a theater. It is estimated that at least 400 paid admissions must be registered each week to make the local movie parlor a going concern. It is understood that about half this number of required admissions has been attained to date. Surely one-tenth of 4500 people would like to see a movie once a week. How about it folks?

An extra treat for the kiddies folks. If you are in town the rest of the week be sure to take the kiddies to Santy's Shanty on the Square. Santa will be there every night until Christmas to greet the local little tots. The Shanty is operated by the local Jaycees and if the operation is successful it more than likely will become a permanent part of the Christmas theme and scheme of Emmitsburg. Oh yes, there'll be treats for the kiddies too and an opportunity to talk person-

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ENGAGED



Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Chapman, Fairfield R2, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Pvt. Conrad B. Wagerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagerman, Emmitsburg R1. Pvt. Wagerman is stationed with the Army at Ft. Hood, Texas. No date has been set for the wedding.

Local Theater May Close

Poor attendance is plaguing our local theater and unless the situation is remedied there is a possibility the town will once again lose its theater.

When the theater reopened its doors a few short months ago the response by the public was encouraging, however, despite the fact the management has been showing excellent films the attendance has dwindled to such a point where it has become uneconomical to operate under the present conditions.

The management is appreciative of the support accorded the theater but makes the announcement that if conditions do not get better within a week or two it will be forced to close the theater, perhaps permanently.

Bank Declares Record Dividend

The board of directors of The Farmers State Bank through its president, George L. Wilhite, announced this week, that dividends on capital stock of that banking institution would aggregate 13%, the largest ever paid by the bank. Last year's dividend was 12%. The dividend is payable to stockholders as of record on December 20, 1960.

Directors of the bank are: George L. Wilhite, president; Quinn F. Topper, vice president; Dr. W. R. Cadle, Oliver J. Weybright, Dr. J. W. Houser, Clarence G. Frailey, Frank W. Weant, Roger I. Zurgable and Arthur Elder.

Appointed Aide-de-Camp

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Ted C. Connell, Killeen, Texas, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. today announced that Fern R. Ohler of Post 6558, Emmitsburg, has been appointed a National Aide-de-Camp of the VFW.

In making his announcement of the appointment, Commander-in-Chief Connell said: "It is a real pleasure for me to be able to appoint Mr. Ohler as a National Aide-de-Camp in our organization. In this capacity he will serve as a personal representative of mine and I know by his past achievements that he will continue to stand up for progress and achievement not only in the VFW but also in his community, state and nation. Because of his past efforts the Veterans of Foreign Wars is today a better organization."

Flattery certainly isn't done with mirrors.

J. Hollinger Heads Fire Co.

John J. Hollinger was unanimously elected head of the Vigilant Hose Co. for the third consecutive year Tuesday night at the annual election of officers of that group. The meeting and election was held in the Fire Hall with President Hollinger presiding.

Other officers elected were as follows: Vice president, Guy A. Baker Sr.; secretary, J. Edward Houck; treasurer, Guy R. McLaughlin; chief, John S. Hollinger; first assistant chief, Sterling White; second assistant chief, Charles F. Stouter; directors, Guy A. Baker Jr. and Paul A. Keepers. Kenneth Vaughn was elected to the newly-created post of assistant secretary.

It was announced at the meeting that the Adams County Fire Chiefs Assn. will hold its meeting in Emmitsburg on the first Thursday in January and will give a demonstration on the use of gas masks for those attending.

President Hollinger appointed the following auditing committee: James Kemp, chairman, Michael L. Boyle and Clarence Wivell. A thank-you note from Forest Warden Kendall was read expressing appreciation for the assistance the fire company gave during a recent mountain fire.

SANDERS—SCHEU

Miss Nellie Elizabeth Scheu, daughter of Harry M. Scheu and the late Mrs. Ethel M. Scheu, of Union Bridge, and David Adrian Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Roy Sanders, Emmitsburg, were united in marriage on Sunday in the Emmitsburg Lutheran Church. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Philip Bower, at 1:30 p. m.

The bride wore a street-length dress of blue lace and chiffon over taffeta and matching accessories and carried a corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Robert Eyer, sister of the bride, Union Bridge, was the matron of honor. She wore a blue brocade dress with matching accessories and a corsage of white carnations. James Sanders, Emmitsburg, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parish house. Upon the return from their wedding trip the couple will reside in their newly furnished home on the Bollinger Schoolhouse Rd., Emmitsburg.

The bride is a graduate of Elmer A. Wolfe School, Union Bridge, class of 1956, and is employed at the Union Bridge Clothing Company, Inc. The groom is a 1955 graduate of Emmitsburg High School and is employed at the Central Restaurant, Taneytown.

Snow Removal Is Costly

The cost of clearing the roads and highways in Frederick County of the record Autumn snowfall last week was estimated in the neighborhood of \$40,000 by County Roads Department spokesmen.

The bulk of the expense of the snowstorm seems to have been carried by the State Roads Commission which estimates that in this county alone it spent somewhere around \$23,000 or \$24,000 to clear the highways and keep them free of drifts.

An estimate from the County Roads Department placed the cost of keeping the highways clear during the past week at about \$15,000.

It was noted that the figures were merely rough estimates since the manhours worked had not been completed nor had an itemized list of the other expenses been compiled.

The county roads men, who get no vacation in the summertime, are looking forward to the next two weeks hopefully since this period of the year is normally set aside for vacations.

Couple Observes 50th Wedding Anniversary



An Emmitsburg couple was feted on their 50th wedding anniversary at a supper given them by their children. Mr. and Mrs. Emory E. Valentine, life-long residents of Emmitsburg, were married Nov. 29, 1910. Mrs. Valentine was the former Annie Moser.

The supper was held by the children at Potter's Inn in Greencastle, Pa. The couple have three sons and two daughters; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The children are Mrs. Clarence Stonesifer, Keymar, Mr. Charles (Bud) Valentine, Emmitsburg, Mr. Murray E. Valentine, Rocky Ridge, Mrs. Raymond Keilholtz, Emmitsburg and Mr. Richard Valentine, Emmitsburg.

Those attending the anniversary supper were: Mr. and Mrs. Emory Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stonesifer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonesifer and daughter, Kathie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valentine and daughter, Judy Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Toms and daughter, Cherie Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Valentine and children, Phillip, Dale and Vickie, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keilholtz and children, Barbara, Linda, Jim and Dick, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Valentine and sons, Gary and Dennis.

OBITUARIES

M. MAE ROGER

Miss M. Mae Roger died after a lingering illness Saturday evening in the Western Maryland State Hospital, Hagerstown, Md.

Miss Roger, born in Emmitsburg, had resided in Frederick for about 25 years and at the time of her demise resided at 17 E. Second St. She was the daughter of the late William F. and Fannie G. Ashbaugh Roger. Her only brother, Herbert W. Roger, Emmitsburg, predeceased her by approximately three years.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church of Emmitsburg and had worked a number of years for the Magnetic Devices Company in Frederick.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edgar L. Robinson, Thurmont.

Funeral services were held from the Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, Wednesday at 10 a. m., with the Rev. Forrest D. Davis officiating. Interment was in the Mountview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Edgar Ashbaugh, George Ashbaugh Jr., Lester Wastler Jr. and Thomas C. Harbaugh.

MRS. BESSIE M. DRAPER

Mrs. Bessie M. Draper, 80, of Frederick, died at the Montevue Home, Thursday morning. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Draper Harnes and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Norman Rhoderick, Frederick; two sons, Edgar E. Draper and Worth Draper, both of Emmitsburg. Fourteen grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 with the Rev. James Bissel officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

SISTER SUSAN TROXELL

Sister Susan Troxell, a member of the Sisters of Charity, died Nov. 30 at Nazareth, Ky.

The deceased was the former Maggie Troxell and was born in Emmitsburg. She was the daughter of the late Dr. J. G. Troxell and Annie (Wivell) Troxell of Emmitsburg. A sister, Stella Troxell Althoff predeceased her some years ago.

GEORGE H. SANDERS

One of Emmitsburg's eldest residents, George Henry Sanders, died Sunday evening at 9:30 p. m. at the Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, aged 86. Mr. Sanders had been in ill health for several years.

The deceased was born in Frederick County and remained a life-long resident. A son of the late George R. and Catherine Long Sanders, Mr. Sanders' wife, Agnes Goulden Sanders, predeceased him by 18 years.

Survivors are: five children, Robert, Roy and Mrs. James O. Adelsberger, all of Emmitsburg; Charles R., California, Mrs. Patrick Owens, Herald Harbor, Md., 20 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Basil, Emmitsburg.

He was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and a member of the Holy Name Society.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 10 a. m. with requiem mass at St. Joseph's Church, with the Rev. Fr. James Twomey officiating. Interment was in the St. Joseph's Church Cemetery.

Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, was in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES L. McCLAIN

Charles Luther McClain, 51, R3, Emmitsburg, died suddenly Friday at his home following a heart attack. He had returned from work Thursday evening.

Born near Fairfield, he was the son of Clarence and Mary Riley McClain and had lived his early life in the Fairfield-Fountaindale area. He was the oldest employee of the Masser Motor Express.

McClain served three years with the U. S. Army in England where he met and married his wife, Dorothy Parker, who survives him. They moved to Emmitsburg about seven years ago.

A member of the Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, he is survived by a daughter, Susan and a sister, Mrs. Guy Warren, Emmitsburg.

Funeral services were Sunday at 3:30 p. m. from the Grove Funeral Home, Waynesboro, with the Rev. Philip Bower officiating. Interment was in the Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Three Seriously Injured In Wreck

Two Emmitsburg residents and their infant son were injured seriously when their snow-bound car was rammed by a tractor-trailer last Thursday, near Hagerstown. Injured were Robert P. Stanton, 20, his wife, Ellen, 20, and their five-months old son, Michael. The Stantons were pulling a house trailer with their car when the equipment became stuck in the snow. The tractor-trailer slammed into the outfit knocking it about 100 feet away and flattened the car to about a three-foot level.

Taken to the Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, authorities said Stanton suffered a fractured spine and ribs, his wife had fractures of the left shoulder and pelvis and the baby suffered a possible fractured skull.

State Trooper Burleson said the accident happened about 13 miles west of Hagerstown on the east side of Fairview Mountain as two tow trucks were trying to free the Stanton car and trailer from a snow drift.

Burleson, who was at the scene directing traffic, said a coal truck came over the hill and was waved to the side. Then a tractor-trailer loaded with steel pilings came over the ridge and he tried to flag it down.

The trooper said the truck's brakes apparently failed and it hit the coal truck, one of the tow trucks and slammed into the car.

The tractor-trailer driver, Emerson L. Milner, 36, of Canton, Ohio, was unhurt. He was charged with failure to maintain adequate brakes.

Hit-Run Driver Nabbed After Four-Mile Chase

A hit-and-run accident was reported here over the weekend, resulting in a double crash when a passenger in a car forced off the road took over the wheel and pursued the hit-and-run car, forcing it off the road east of Emmitsburg, State Police reported.

The double accident began at 12:30 a. m. Sunday morning on Maryland 97 in Emmitsburg when a 1956 Ford Sedan driven west by Arlene Eller Clark, 20, of Clarksburg, Pa. was forced off the road and struck on the right fender by a 1952 Ford driven east by Fulton Omar Martin, 20, a U. S. Navy man of Fairfield.

Martin who crossed the center of the road to force the Clark car off the road, continued on after the accident but was pursued by the Clark car operated by Richard Kreitz, 25, of Penmar, a passenger in the Clark car who took over the wheel of the auto.

Four miles east of Emmitsburg on Maryland 97, the Clark car caught up with the Martin auto and forced Martin off the road. The Martin car spun around on the ice at the side of the road, receiving \$300 in damages in the second accident. The Clark car received \$100 in damages. No one was injured in the double accident.

Martin was charged with failure to keep right of center and with leaving the scene of an accident (hit and run) while Kreitz was charged with reckless driving by TFC William F. Davis. Both were scheduled for trial on January 7 in the Emmitsburg Magistrate's Court, Richard J. McCullough presiding.

Appoint Teacher

The Board of Education of Frederick County announced this week the appointment of William D. Boyer to teach core and math at Emmitsburg High School. Mr. Boyer fills a vacancy caused by a resignation and will assume his duties at the local school following the Christmas holidays.

Chimney Fire Doused

The Vigilant Hose Co. quickly quelled a chimney fire Thursday morning at the Donald Sweeney property, Frailey Rd., before any damage could occur.

CELEBRATES 75th BIRTHDAY



Mrs. Mary M. Stouter was feted by members of her family on the occasion of her 75th birthday at a dinner and reception held Sunday afternoon in the VFW Annex. Approximately 75 members of the family and guests were present for the occasion and offered congratulations and well wishes to the celebrant.

Mrs. Stouter, whose birthday occurred on Dec. 15, is the mother of 11 children. In addition there are 34 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Members of the family presented the celebrant with an automatic washer and numerous other presents.

Christmas Parties Held Here

An estimated 700 children received candy and oranges at the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club, Homemakers, Town Council and local merchants held last Saturday.

Despite the bitter cold, over 300 children were present at the free movie shown at the MG Theater. Following the show the kiddies were given a free lunch at the Fire Hall and at 2 p. m. the big parade took off, marched to the Square where Santa distributed 700 bags of candy and numerous crates of oranges. Music for the parade and short concert was supplied by the Emmitsburg Municipal Band under the direction of Walter A. Simpson.

Dick Cullison, local realtor, proved to be a Good Samaritan when he unloaded several hundred candy bars to the children while Santa was busy with the distribution.

On Wednesday the local children of three schools were treated by Santa when the annual gift distribution sponsored jointly by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, took place. Santa visited Mother Seton School, the Public School and St. Euphemia's. Approximately 500 pounds of candy and seven crates of oranges were handed out to the eager 800 students at the schools. In addition to the edibles, presents were distributed to the first, second and third graders, by the veterans' groups.

CYO Will Lead Christmas Caroling At Jaycee Crib

The regular meeting of the Emmitsburg Seton CYO Club will be held Friday (tonight) at 7 p. m. in St. Joseph's High School.

There will be a short business meeting. The members will go caroling throughout the town, stopping to sing carols on the Square and at the Community Christmas Crib on West Main St., at 7:30. Other members of the community are invited to join in the caroling.

The members will return to the Club House for hot refreshments, games and dancing until 11 p. m.