

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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"READ BY MOST EMMITSBURGIANS"

The Weekend Weather Forecast

Warmer Friday and Saturday then colder Sunday and Monday. Precipitation expected Saturday or Sunday.

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Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

As we are about to enter into the new year the weather seems to be the paramount subject of conversation. Many weeks ago predictions were made that this would be a severe winter. Almanacs said so and so did many old timers. How they based their decisions I can't quite understand but apparently they have the power of accurate prognostication. Undoubtedly we've had the coldest day in December in 48 years. The cold spell is proving a millennium to old men as they hustle daily to supply the demands. Plumbers too are enjoying a rush in business. Elsewhere on the national economic front things appear to be dragging somewhat as indications of a recession appear eminent. I really don't think things will be as bad as some predict though as our Government has ways and means at its disposal to curb such flip-flops in the nation's economics.

An important piece of legislation is scheduled to be introduced in our State Legislature next year. This particular piece of law would give broader taxation powers to local government, namely counties. Serious consideration should be given legislation of this type with the tax situation such as it is. With the Federal and State governments taking a sizeable chunk out of the pay check, caution should be used before empowering the county to take a bigger slice out of the pie. Already the county has taxed real estate to the saturation level and is groping for new sources of revenue. Should we grant the power to the county to widen its tax structure we could be in for a sales tax, cigarette tax, education per capita tax or any one of a number of other methods of squeezing the last dollar out of the taxpayer. I myself, am opposed to the granting of any such additional powers to tax the already over-taxed property owner.

Just imagine, the lowly cinder, something that we always were ready to dispose of, has come into its own. State and county roads boards are having difficulty in locating cinders for use on the icy roads. Even you and I are at a loss any more to locate a bucket of ashes when we get stuck in our driveways. There just aren't any available and the situation won't get any better. Oil is to blame for the problem. Just about everyone burns oil these days and it is nigh on to impossible to locate a bucket of cinders so if you are wondering why the roads remain uncindered in many places you now have the answer. Got any cinders? They'll soon be worth their weight in gold.

And now my dear folks, it's that time of the year again and this is our last column for 1960. On behalf of the staff of the Chronicle and myself, we extend our heartiest wishes to you and yours, for a happy and prosperous 1961. It has been a real pleasure to be able to be of service to you and if I have been able to provide any entertaining or even interesting columns during the year it gives me great pleasure and self-satisfaction. I shall endeavor to do even better in 1961.

ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blanchard, Taneytown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Violette, to Mr. Patrick D. Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbs, of Fairfield R2.

A spring wedding is planned.

Serenade

Mr. and Mrs. David Sanders, recently married, were given a wedding serenade at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders this week. Twenty-eight friends and neighbors were in attendance.

Vital Legislation To Be Proposed Next Year

Important legislation pertinent to the State of Maryland which will be presented to the coming session of the State Legislature was discussed this week by State Senator Samuel W. Barrick.

The Senator listed seven pieces of legislation which he considered "controversial" which are to be presented to the session. The seven are but a small part of the 1800 bills to be presented.

Senator Barrick classified these controversial bills as follows:

1. Proposals for revision of state aid to the local subdivisions including schools.
2. Proposed changes in the state unemployment insurance laws.
3. Proposed reapportionment of the state's legislative districts for more proportionate representation based on population changes.
4. Proposed elimination of the presidential primary in Maryland.
5. Proposal to grant county governments broader taxing powers, including a general sales tax.
6. Proposed changes in the state scholarship program.
7. Proposed creation of a new Congressional district in Maryland.

In discussing the two proposals seeking revision of the state aid program, Senator Barrick voiced support of the James Bill over the proposal being promoted by the Maryland State Teachers Association.

Senator Barrick explained that he felt the James Bill would be more advantageous to this county "because it does not limit the county governments to spending an additional proposed raise in state aid funds to counties of \$13,000,000 for educational purposes only."

In contrast, Senator Barrick said that the MSTA proposal would restrict the increased funds for educational purpose only and that approximately \$11,000,000 of the proposed increase would be used for teacher pay raises. Senator Barrick voiced the opinion that Frederick County is now in a favorable position regarding its public education system. He added that since the county's real estate taxes have probably reached their saturation point, any additional aid from the state should be kept as uncommitted as possible so that the most pressing needs of the county could be satisfied whether they be in education or some other phase of county government.

Concerning proposed changes in the state unemployment insurance laws, Senator Barrick said that there were a number of inequities in the present system.

Senator Barrick said that under the present laws, an employee could voluntarily quit his job or be fired for misconduct and still be eligible for full unemployment benefits after a brief waiting period. In addition, Senator Barrick claimed that through a loop-hole in the present law, a claimant who has drawn 26 weeks of benefits from one employment can also manipulate his claim so as draw another round of 26 week's benefits from the same employment.

If these and other inequities can be corrected, Senator Barrick said that he felt the state would be in a position to increase the weekly pay rate for unemployment claims from \$35 to \$38 for deserving claimants.

In discussing the other "controversial" bills up for consideration, Senator Barrick voiced the following opinions:

The Senator felt that some change should be made in the apportionment of the legislative districts of the state so that fairer representation could be given in the state legislature to those areas growing rapidly in population. However, Senator Barrick cautioned against a drastic revision of the present apportionment since it would give the urban areas of the state tremendous power in the gubernatorial electoral vote count and virtual control of the legislature. (Presently Frederick County enjoys maximum county representation in the state legislature.)

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Local Mail Volume Drops; Receipts Up

Mail cancellations at the Emmitsburg Postoffice were several thousand less than last year but an increase was noted in the number of parcels mailed.

The receipts for the period Dec. 12 until Dec. 25 were several hundred dollars higher than last year.

The gross receipts for the entire year will be the highest in the history of the local office, around \$40,000.00, which is approximately 3% higher than during the calendar year of 1959.

Postmaster Louis H. Stoner wishes to thank the public for its patronage and also for the appreciated assistance and cooperation in mailing cards and parcels at an early date and for using the several boxes placed in the postoffice lobby.

Examination Date Set

The State Department of Education this week announced plans for conducting the examination for the Teacher Education Scholarships and the State Senatorial Scholarships on Saturday, February 11, 1961, for the 1961 scholarship awards.

This year, by agreement with the participating colleges, one examination will be held for both scholarship programs. A student who wishes to become a candidate for either a Teacher Education Scholarship, a Senatorial Scholarship, or both, must take the examination on February 11 in any one of the 24 local test centers. Test centers will be located in each county and in Baltimore City.

Students may make application and obtain further information concerning the two scholarship programs at local public and non-public secondary schools and participating colleges early in January.

Icy Highway Blamed As Causing Wreck

The Christmas holiday was spoiled for a local family when their car skidded on an icy highway into the path of another vehicle on Christmas Day.

The driver of the local car was Mrs. Ray Mellot, R2, Thurmont. Mrs. Mellot was eastbound on the Sunshine Trail, three miles east of Waynesboro, and skidded on the ice into the path of John C. Long, of Hagerstown, driver of the other car. The front of the Long car hit the right side of the Mellot coupe in the westbound lane, at approximately 3:35 p.m. Sunday. Both cars were demolished and six persons were injured.

Injured in the collision were: Mrs. Mellot, fractured pelvis; her husband, a compound fracture of the right leg and a broken vertebra; Gregory Melot, age 5, had multiple lacerations of the face; Dorothy Mellot, 3, a broken right leg; Long, cut on the chin and bruised about the right knee, and Mrs. Long suffered a dislocation of the right hip.

All were taken to the Waynesboro Hospital and the Mellot family and Mrs. Long were admitted as patients.

Week Of Prayer To Be Observed

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed in Emmitsburg with a series of four union services beginning January 4 in the Lutheran Church and continuing with services in the Reformed Church January 5 and January 6 in the Methodist Church. The closing service will be in the Presbyterian Church January 6. All services will start at 7:30 o'clock. Sermons will be by the pastors exchanging pulpits. The general theme for the week will be Prayer.

Permit Issued

A building permit was issued this week in Frederick for a \$600 block 60-by-22-foot machine shed on the Simons Road in Emmitsburg District to be constructed by Leonard J. Gillespie of Route 2, Taneytown.

Last year 340,230 patients were admitted to Maryland hospitals and on any one day an average of 25,784 persons were confined.

O'REILLY PROVES HIGH SCORER FOR MOUNTIES

Mt. St. Mary's Big O—John O'Reilly—is out front in scoring and rebounds, figures compiled this week by Dr. John J. Dillon, team statistician, disclosed this week.

The rugged sophomore from Philadelphia pumped through 115 points in five games, a 23.0 average, and has been credited with 62 rebounds. His field goal percentage is a snappy 54.4—37 buckets in 68 attempts. He has made 41 of 48 from the foul stripe.

The Mounties, who won four, and dropped one before taking a break for the holidays, return to the cage wars January 4 against a new opponent, Muhlenberg, at Allentown, Pa.

The game will be something of a home-coming for the Mounts sophomore sparkplug, Eddie Pfeiffer, who is second in team scoring with 87 points, a 17.4 norm.

Ranked third in Mount scoring statistics is Dick Talley with 74 points and a 14.8 average while Jerry Savage, team captain, has made 62 points, averaging 12.4.

Finding a fifth man to go with these four double-figure operatives has been the prime problem for Coach Jim Phelan, who has indicated that there is a strong possibility junior Dave Samuels, 6'3, may supplant 6'5 Jack Thompson in the regular array.

Beaten only by Hofstra, considered one of the nation's best small college units, Mt. St. Mary's needs the Muhlenberg game to shake off the vacation rust before heading into the thick of the Mason-Dixon Conference championship chase January 6 at Hampden-Sydney, Va.

Nation's Business Leaders Optimistic Over '61 Possibilities

The leaders of the nation's industry are optimistic about business conditions in 1961. They are optimistic despite the admittedly sharper bite of foreign competition, and a widespread attitude of watchful waiting to see what the new administration will do.

An even 50 per cent of the several hundred top executives polled while recently attending the 65th Congress of American Industry in New York City, expected their own company profits to improve during 1961 over current levels. Only 11 per cent expected earnings to drop below 1960.

The poll was conducted by the National Association of Manufacturers, sponsors of the annual Congress, among the 1,600 or more delegates gathered from all over the country.

Many of those responding to the NAM poll hedged their predictions by explaining they felt the second half of the year should more than offset any continued drag during the first half. Many others predicted lower earnings for their own industries as a whole, than they expected for their own companies.

Actual figures were as follows: Expected improved outlook for own company during 1961—50 per cent; same as 1960—39 per cent; lower than 1960—11 per cent. The same respondents expect improved outlook for own industry—34 per cent; same as 1960—42 per cent; lower than 1960—24 per cent.

Nearly half of those replying—42 per cent—felt the new administration would have an adverse effect on their profit picture; 52 per cent expected no change. Six per cent felt the new administration would improve their earnings.

In regard to foreign competition, two-thirds (66 per cent) reported increasing pressure from business abroad on their respective industries. Some 37 per cent expected foreign competition to be serious enough to require them to reduce their payrolls during the year.

When queried as to what policies they felt most important in spurring economic growth, the overwhelming majority checked economy in government, reform of the income tax rate, and curbs on the monopoly power of unions.

Last year patient revenue of voluntary Maryland hospitals amounted to \$55.8 million or 94.7 per cent of their total revenue.

Well Drilling Halted Pending Investigation

Two quarter-inch cracks have been discovered in the basement of the Robert Schumann residence on Park Lane, Thurmont, and are believed to have been caused by a well that is being dug near the Schumann house.

The well, which is approximately 200 feet from the Schumann home, is being dug by Cole Brothers Inc., of Harrisburg, Pa. and has been under construction for a month and a half for the town of Thurmont.

After being notified of the cracks in the retaining wall of the house, Mayor Charles Ambrose of Thurmont, ordered the drilling of the well stopped.

Two engineers from Baltimore were called to Thurmont this week to make several test borings around the Schumann property in hopes of finding the cause of the cracks.

Mayor Ambrose said that it wasn't known for certain that the cracks were caused by the drilling of the well and that it could possibly be just the earth settling under the house.

The mayor also pointed out that there was no immediate indication that the cracks will get larger and that further details of the drilling wouldn't be known until a report has been made by the engineers sometime next week.

State Jaycee Chapters Will Support Recommendations

At the State Board Meeting of the Maryland Junior Chamber of Commerce, held at Thurmont recently, the thirty-eight local chapter presidents and state delegates representing almost 4,000 members throughout the state unanimously agreed to support the recommendations outlined in detail in the Final Report of the Public Health Committee of the Baltimore Chapter, officially released on the 21st of November, 1960.

The report calls for a ten year "Crash Program" to be financed by a Mental Health Bill (or bills), introduction of which is planned for the 1961 legislative session to begin in Annapolis in January.

The report has received favorable publicity throughout the state, and has been publicly endorsed by "key personnel" in the State of Maryland Mental Health structure on all levels, including Dr. Isadore Tuerke, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene for the State of Maryland, Dr. Joseph Reidy, Assistant Commissioner and Dr. Caroline Chandler, Chief, Division of Child Health and Maternal Health, State Department of Health.

It was reported that complete implementation of the recommendations would cost \$19,000,000 initially, but more importantly, would result in the saving of more than \$67,000,000 over the next 10 years, in addition to accomplishing the objective specifically outlined in the Preliminary and Final Reports.

All local chapters, and their entire memberships were urged to work toward successful introduction, passage and implementation of this necessary and vital legislation in whatever method feasible or possible.

Hospital Report

Admitted
Miss Maryon Wasilifsky, Emmitsburg R1.

Mrs. Roy Little, Emmitsburg, R2.

Thomas Ridenour, Thurmont R2.
Mrs. Robert Little, Emmitsburg R1.

Discharged
Josephine Ott, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Robert Warthen, Emmitsburg.

Robert Remavege, Emmitsburg.

Births
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Layman, Thurmont R2, son, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Corbin, Emmitsburg, daughter, Tuesday.

There are people who always have a good excuse for whatever they fail to do.

In the Nation's Capital there are three great American parties—Democratic, Republican and Cocktail.

Factory Employees Enjoy Xmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Emmitsburg Manufacturing Co. for its employees was held last Thursday, Dec. 22 at Bucher's Restaurant. Those present enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner which was followed by dancing and the serving of refreshments.

Those in attendance at the party were Anthony Lelish, Sidney Burhman, Norman Silverman and Louis Julion, Baltimore, and these local individuals:

Carol Staub, Gladys Lingg, Anna Shorb, Adele Wivell, Pauline Summers, Margaret Myers, Inez Ott, Pauline Gigeous, Isabel Mathias, Velma Glass, Dorothy Dutrow, Betty Hahn, Ruth Hobbs, Mattie Gass, Eileen Wireman, Charolette Hardman, Mary Hardman, Margaret Brown, Jake Randolph, Wilbur Dutrow, Ellen Staub, Alma Sheeley, Margaret Chapman, Grace Bentz, Brooke Bentz, Joyce Cool, Elizabeth Shindedecker, Sara Lingg, Rachel Hobbs, Elizabeth Ohler, Louise Crouse, Charles Six, John Ohler, Mabel Null, Laura Fritz, Adele Fitez, Marian Baumgardner and Corrine Seiss.

Father Shaun

En Route To Rome

The Rev. Fr. David W. Shaum, professor of music at Mount St. Mary's College, left Tuesday for Rome to participate in the International Congress of Catholic Men's and Boy's Choirs. Highlight of the convention will be the celebration of a Solemn Mass by His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, on New Year's Day, in Saint Peter's Basilica. More than 6,000 delegates will serve as the choir for the papal mass. Father Shaum will visit Naples and the Isle of Capri before returning home.

ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Bevins, 12 Cornwall Ave., Utica, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Marie, to Robert Carroll Gelwicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle R. Gelwicks, 111 De Paul St., Emmitsburg. Miss Bevins graduated from Utica Catholic Academy in June 1956, and studied X-ray Technology at both St. Elizabeth's Hospital and St. Luke's Memorial Hospital and was graduated from St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Utica, in 1959. She is presently employed as a Registered Technologist at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Center, Utica.

Mr. Gelwicks graduated from St. Joseph's High School in June 1955 and attended Mt. St. Mary's College. He also served a three-year tour of duty in the United States Marine Corps. At the present time, Mr. Gelwicks is employed as Assistant Manager in Executive Training Program with Beneficial Finance Co., in the Baltimore-Hampton office.

No date for the wedding has been planned.

Sanders Rites Held

Funeral services were held from the Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, followed by a Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church last Thursday morning for George Henry Sanders, 86, Emmitsburg, who died at the Annie Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, Sunday evening, Dec. 18. The Rev. Fr. James Twomey officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Earl Adams, Sterling White, Jacob Baker, Clarence Frailey, Joseph Boyle and Guy Baker Jr.

New Year's Party and Dance

The annual New Year's party of the Emmitsburg Memorial Post 6658, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held Saturday night, Dec. 31 in the VFW Annex, Post Adjutant Lumen F. Norris has announced. Members, social members, Auxiliary members and friends are invited. There will be dancing beginning at 9 p. m. with a popular orchestra providing the music.

Sixty million pages of scientific reports will be published in the technical journals of the world during 1960 it is estimated.

Highest mountain in Africa is Kilimanjaro in northern Tanganyika. It has an altitude of 19,710 feet.

Cold Spell Continues To Linger

Emmitsburg continued in the grip this week of a frigid wave which paralyzed the community when it struck Friday, Dec. 23. The sudden influx of cold Canadian air plunged the mercury here down to -20 degrees, the coldest here since 1912.

In fact, Emmitsburg was the coldest town in Frederick County last Friday. Some low readings showed Frederick with -9; and Thurmont with -12.

Residents were totally surprised when they woke that morning to find water pipes frozen and burst, milk frozen and even more surprised and chagrined when they attempted to start their cars. Tow wagons and garagemen have been busy all week long pushing stuck motorists and starting frozen automobiles, a number of them severely damaged by the freeze. Back in 1912 the record low was reported as a -21, just a single degree lower than last Friday's -20.

During the current week the weather moderated a trifle and even reached a few degrees above the freezing mark of 32. However on several nights the mercury was plummeted down below the zero mark. With the freeze continuing many farmers are without water and any number of them can be seen daily transporting water for their domestic use and for their cattle.

Although Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Unionville and Frederick seemed to be the coldest spots in the county, at the southern edge of the county in Brunswick, the temperature dropped as low as 6 degrees below zero.

With the temperature ranking as the coldest since January, 1957 when a -10 reading was recorded at the Frederick Airport checking station, an oddity in the weather picture was discovered.

The warmest places in the county seemed to be at the higher elevations where it might seem that the temperature should be the coldest.

Before this extremely frigid air has moved out of the area, the weatherman indicated that some cold temperature marks could be established with temperatures expected to be just as cold if not colder.

A common sight throughout the county area Friday morning was motorists standing beside their steaming automobiles. The extremely cold weather came as somewhat of a surprise to many motorists since last winter was relatively mild and the cooling systems in many cars were not protected against such severe temperatures.

For those interested in statistics, this was not the coldest temperature ever recorded in Frederick, a search of the weather records shows. However, it is one of the coldest readings ever recorded during December.

The all-time record low temperature recorded at the official Frederick checking station was 21 degrees below zero on January 14, 1912.

That mark was almost equalled on December 21, 1942 when the mercury sank to 19 degrees below zero and on January 28, 1935, the mercury sank to 18 degrees below zero.

Weather records show that except for the 19 below reading in December 1942 and a 12 degree below zero mark in December, 1917, the reading Friday morning ranks as third coldest for the 12th month of the year locally.

With the cold weather apparently here to stay for some time, the streets and roads remain quite icy as well as some sidewalks.

Many county roads are patched with ice and packed snow while most state-maintained roads are dry.

License Revoked

The State Dept. of Motor Vehicles this announced the revocation of the driver's license of Carroll L. Long, R2, Thurmont.

The United States' fresh water supply will exceed the natural supply by 85 billion gallons a day within 20 years.