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The Weekend Weather Forecast

Warmer Friday turning colder over the weekend. Some precipitation likely Friday or Saturday.

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Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

Town Commissioner Norman Flax was "hot under the collar" the middle of this week as he threw torrid blasts at the County Roads Board and County Commissioners, despite the freezing temperatures. Flax stated the Town had been "let down" by the county officials when many of its citizens in the rural areas were beleaguered by the sub-zero temperatures and heavy snow drifts that cut many of them off from practically all civilization, some for several days. The story goes something like this. Flax and his maintenance crew had struggled for two days to break open the road to the sewerage disposal plant but their efforts were in vain as the equipment they had available was totally inadequate. Flax, sighting the County Roads Board snow removal equipment in this area quickly asked for help to open the road. His request was denied. Undaunted by this refusal he contacted the County Commissioners and received their assurances something would be done immediately. He (Flax) is still waiting. What "burned" the Street Commissioner up so much was the fact that the equipment was right here on hand but upon his request for assistance the road superintendent ordered the machinery sent to Thurmont without making a single feeble attempt to open the roads here. Flax apparently justified in his wrath, said that Emmitsburg has \$5,524,025 worth of assessable property here and pays something like \$124,836.34 into the county treasury every year and that when an emergency happens like it did this week the town is "forgotten". At the present time some of the roads here are still drifted shut. Referring to the size of the project of opening the road Flax said the county equipment could have done it within 15 minutes. Instead it will take him days to accomplish the same thing.

While the snowfall here wasn't so great the below zero temperatures and high winds were responsible for many local farmers being confined to their homes for several days. Some roads were drifted shut by 40-mile-an-hour winds and the sub-freezing temperatures made the extricating project all the tougher. In several places the roads were closed by six-foot drifts and plumbing froze in many homes to add to the misery and discomfort of residents. Several cold records were established and many are still digging out. We were fortunate in a way though. Consider those poor individuals up in Maine where the drifts were 20 feet high! Yes, we are decidedly fortunate, despite our lot.

With the Federal Government setting the pace as far as cutting taxes, we wonder why our own county couldn't follow the pattern. Once again the same old sheep (taxpayers) are to be sheared. If the tax rate doesn't go up then the assessment does. It is the same eternal battle between wages and the cost of living. Budgetary demands are set high purposely as the departments spar with the handlers of the people's money. The county officials slice here and there knowing that the department's have set the figure relatively high to cushion any slices the county may make. Regardless the taxpayer winds up in the middle and receives another clipping. As usual the Board of Education receives the biggest slice of the tax dollar pie and as usual some of the money will be spent in a questionable way (unnecessary in our opinion). As long as we permit football stadiums, swimming pools, etc. there will be an increase in your tax bill every year. Only you, the people, can terminate this annual cycle. We don't condemn more classroom space, better teachers, etc., but the frills and expensive architecture have to go before we, the taxpayers, go!

A California study concludes that beaver are of substantial benefit to trout. Dammed waters produced more food — and more fish. And marked trout were found to cross the dams at all seasons.—Sports Afield.

In 1956 the Internal Revenue Service initiated its Blue Ribbon Program to recruit and train top quality personnel.

Mountaineers Split 2 Games In New York

Coach Jim Phelan's Blue and White Mountaineer basketball team managed to break even when they split a series of two games in New York over the holidays.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, the Blue and White from Emmitsburg edged out Fairleigh-Dickinson in a close contest, 64-62 in the NYAC Invitational Tournay first round played in New York.

In Friday night's finals, the Phelanmen went down to defeat at the hands of the strong New York Athletic Club by a lop-sided score of 74-59.

Despite being obviously affected by illness to several players, the Mount gave their opponents a stiff argument all the way.

At half-time the Mount was on the short end of a 38-28 score but fought back to close quarters. With 1:30 minutes left NYAC led 65-59 and then the Mountaineers went completely cold by failing to score while their opponents racked up nine more points to win going away.

Dave Maloney and Eddie Pfeiffer each tabbed 17 points for the Mount to provide most of the scoring. O'Connor and McArdle were the big guns for the Athletic Club, each swishing 20 points.

The Mountaineers, now 4-4 overall, will be idle until Wednesday, January 9, when they meet Western Maryland in a Mason-Dixon Conference game in Memorial Gym in the Emmitsburg campus.

Postage Rates Higher Monday

Frederick Countians have until 7 p.m. Saturday to use their four-cent stamped envelopes and three-cent stamped postcards.

Beginning Monday new rates will be in effect for first class letters, air mail and post cards. Postmaster Louis H. Stoner reminded today. Mail put in the mail box after the 7 p.m. collection Saturday must carry the increased postage.

The new rates are five cents for first class letters; eight cents for air mail letters; six cents for air mail post cards, and four cents for standard post cards. Stoner said that those who have post cards or envelopes with the present-rate stamps imprinted on them will have to add a one-cent stamp to each to make them usable next week.

Patrons using postage meters for mailing at bulk rates and users of second, third and fourth class mail are asked to check at the local post office for any information they may need concerning the changed rate.

This week the new size regulations for mail went into effect. Mail can no longer be smaller than 3 by 4 1/4 inches in size.

Gettysburg Construction Lags

New construction in Gettysburg, according to the permits issued by the borough, dropped to the lowest point in years during 1962.

The only major work commenced in 1962 was the \$203,784 remodeling, which eventually became the razing and reconstruction of the Presbyterian Church, the construction of one \$50,000 museum on Steinwehr Ave., construction of a \$30,000 service station, construction of six homes at a cost of \$91,500 and construction of a barn at the Jennie Wade House for \$10,500.

In each of the prior years there was major construction under way among the schools. In 1961 \$1,189,990 represented the new high school, \$1,193,765 represented construction at the college. The two institutions plus regular building in the town provided for planned construction in history in 1961.

Judging by the permits, the day of motel building in Gettysburg has ended for the present. There were no permits issued for motel construction during the year.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll C. Topper, Emmitsburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Jean, to Garry L. Stultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Stultz, Fairfield.

Church Announces Week Of Prayer

The annual Universal Week of Prayer will be observed by the Protestant Churches of Emmitsburg with a series of special services on the evenings of January 9, 10, 11 and 13. The sermon themes selected by the ministers of the churches in town are: "Priority of Prayer," "Problems in Prayer," "Pattern of Prayer," and "Profits from Prayer."

The first service will be on Wednesday at Trinity Methodist Church with the Rev. John C. Chatlos, pastor of Incarnation United Church of Christ, preaching on the subject "Priority of Prayer." The Thursday night service will be held at Incarnation Church with the Rev. Martin Case, Methodist pastor, bringing a message on "Problems of Prayer." Friday evening the Rev. William M. Hendricks, the Presbyterian pastor, will preach at Elias Church on "Pattern of Prayer." The Rev. G. Rees of Blue Ridge Summit, who is serving as the supply pastor of Elias Lutheran Church, will bring a message on "Profits from Prayer" at the United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 13 to close this series of interdenominational community services.

The offering from each of the services will be given to the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Md. All services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Educational Conference Scheduled

The fifth annual Maryland Conference on Education has been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, January 31 and February 1, 1963, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore. Sponsored by the Maryland State Board of Education, the Conference each year considers topics vital to public education in Maryland. Public-spirited citizens from the State are being invited to attend the Conference by the twenty-four local Boards of Education and the State Board of Education. The theme for the meeting this year is "Challenges and Opportunities in Public Education in Maryland in the Decade Ahead."

Beginning with a luncheon on the 31st, the meeting will then divide into four groups, each with a separate topic for presentation and discussion. The four groups and their principal speakers are: (1) Education Television, Professor Phil C. Lange, Teachers College, Columbia University; (2) Higher Education, Mr. John N. Curlett, Chairman, Commission for the Expansion of Public Higher Education in Maryland; (3) Financing Public Education, Dr. George B. Brain, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Baltimore City; and (4) Education for All Youth, Dr. Frank Riesman, Research Scientist, Mobilization for Youth Incorporated.

A dinner meeting will be held on Thursday evening, with Dr. Samuel B. Gould, President, Educational Broadcasting Corporation of New York City, speaking on "The Place of Television in Education." On Friday, discussion groups will continue in the morning, and the session will close with a luncheon.

Canadian Woman Killed Near Here

Traveling south from Ontario, a car driven by a Canadian woman skidded off U. S. 15 north of Thurmont Saturday afternoon and plunged down a 15-foot embankment, resulting in the death of a 75-year-old woman passenger.

Mrs. Greta Whitton of Ancaster, Ont., was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the 1961 Oldsmobile, Charlotte Hamilton Stuart, of Burlington, Ont., was released following treatment.

Mrs. Whitton was believed to have struck her head against the windshield. She suffered a probable fractured skull and numerous other severe injuries.

State Trooper Robert Snyder, in charge of the investigation for State Police, reported the car apparently first skidded off one side of the highway and then swerved off the opposite side. Saturday's heavy snowstorm had started here several hours before the accident occurred about 3 p.m.

State Police said the automobile was using only conventional tread tires. Damage to the car was unofficially estimated at \$1,500.

Mrs. Whitton's body was taken to the M. L. Creager Funeral Home at Thurmont from where it was sent to her home in Canada for burial.

Law Would Tax Trailers

Enabling legislation which will permit the County Commissioners to collect some type of special revenue tax from trailer park residents will be introduced at the current session of the state legislature.

Delegate-elect Goodloe E. Byron said Saturday that he will introduce a bill which, if approved, will give the Commissioners authority to impose a special tax to force trailer park inhabitants in the county to assume their fair share of the tax burden.

Any special revenue tax would be levied against spaces occupied by trailers in a licensed trailer park. It has been difficult to collect taxes from the trailer residents because of the frequent moving in and out of residents. At the present time personal property tax which is exceedingly hard to assess and collect is all that is levied against trailer park occupants.

Figures released by the Board of Education, Mr. Byron noted, show that there are 58 elementary and 28 junior high school students who live in licensed trailer courts attending schools in Frederick County.

School officials reported that the most recent official figures on the cost per pupil in the county school system is \$372.55. This, however, includes funds from federal, state and local sources.

In view of his experience as county attorney, Mr. Byron said that the trailer park residents are clearly not paying their fair share of the tax burden.

Figures supplied by the office of the Supervisor of Assessments for this county showed that as of this December there were 124 total trailer accounts but only 22 had been paid. As a result only about 10 per cent of the taxes had been collected.

The total tax of the trailers amounted to but \$7,181.80. Only \$621.45 has been paid and considering the \$992.26 abatements, a total of \$5,56 .09 is due.

Vets' Program Expanded

F. E. Quinn, Manager of the Baltimore Veterans Administration Regional Office, announced today that in its program of service to veterans and their dependents, the Veterans Administration disbursed more than \$35.4 million to 42,897 veterans in the State of Maryland in compensation and pension payments during 1962.

Mr. Quinn also reported that at year's end dependents of deceased veterans, including parents, widows and orphans, in Maryland will have been paid \$15.2 million in death compensation or pension. In Baltimore alone \$14.9 went to 17,972 veterans in compensation and pension payments in 1962, while \$6.9 million in death compensation and pension went to dependents of deceased Baltimore veterans.

A city and state breakdown of the payments became possible through the usage of the electronic data processing equipment at the Hines, Ill., VA Automatic Data Processing Center.

The payments are up over a year ago because of the enactment of a law that increased compensation payments from \$1 a month for those with only a 10 per cent disability to \$25 a month for those with 100 per cent disabilities. In some special cases the increase was as much as \$150 a month.

Compensation payments are paid to veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I and II, Korean Conflict and peacetime service with service-connected disabilities.

Pensions are paid by the VA to veterans whose disabilities are not service connected and whose income does not exceed certain statutory limits. Pensions are also paid dependents of deceased veterans whose deaths were not due to service-connected disabilities and whose incomes are within limits fixed by law.

AIRMAN IN HAWAII

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii — Airman First Class James A. Brown has arrived here for assignment with a Military Air Transport Service unit.

Airman Brown, an autopilot repairman, previously was assigned to Forbes AFB, Kan. He entered the service in June, 1958.

A graduate of St. Joseph's High School, Emmitsburg, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Brown, Emmitsburg. His wife is the former Vera M. Cartrell of R2, Taneytown.

Pope Named Man Of Year

Pope John XXIII, 81-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church who launched a historic revolution for Christian unity and embodied the longings of the entire human race for peace, was named Man of the Year this week by the editors of Time, The Weekly Newsmagazine. He is the first man of religion to be so designated since Time established the tradition in 1927.

In selecting for the 36th year the man who "left an indelible mark—for good or ill—on history," Time says that peasant-born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli "created history in a way that few other men were able to do in 1962."

The past year, Time says, "was a year of American resolution, Russian exploration, European unification, and Chinese aggression. In a tense yet hope-filled time, these were the events that held the headlines and caused a stir. But in the long eye of history, 1962 may be better recalled for an event that took place physically in the world's most famed cathedral but that had been gestating in the hearts and minds of men for decades. That was the beginning of the revolution in Christianity, in the ancient face whose 900 million adherents make it the world's largest religion. That beginning was the work of the Man of the Year Pope John XXIII who, by convening the Ecumenical Council called Vatican II, set in motion ideas and forces that will affect not only Roman Catholics, not only Christians, but the whole world's ever-expanding population long after Cuba is once again libre and India is free of attack."

By summoning the Ecumenical Council to "renew" the Catholic Church, Pope John singlehandedly launched a revolution whose sweep and loftiness caused it to outrank the secular concerns of the year. Measured even against such portentous events as President Kennedy's bold blockade of Soviet arms shipments to Cuba, Time says, the turning point that Christianity reached in 1962 is already assured of a firm place in history, that "mistress of life" to which Pope John frequently refers. By launching a reform whose goal is to make the Catholic Church sine macula et ruga (without spot or wrinkle), John set out to adapt his church's whole life and stance to the revolutionary changes—in science, economics, morals, politics—that have swept the modern world; to make it, in short, more Catholic and less Roman. John also vaulted the internal concerns of Christianity with persistent and eloquent pleas for peace, which seemed to articulate the longings of the whole human race in a way that the pious Khrushchev can never seem to bring off.

As a consequence, says Time, John XXIII is the most popular Pope of modern times—and perhaps ever. He has demonstrated such warmth, simplicity and charm that he has won the hearts of Catholics, Protestants and non-Christians alike. His recent illness raised a tide of concern around the world. "If we should pray for anyone in the world today," says Protestant theologian Paul Tillich, "we should pray for Pope John. He is a good man."

To the world at large, Time says, John "has given what neither science nor diplomacy can provide: a sense of its unity as the human family. That sense is the core of the Christian tradition, whose God lives in history and invites the family of man to help him form it. . . . By bringing Christianity to a new confrontation with the world and salving the wounds that have torn it for centuries, the Pope in Rome has helped vastly to recapture the Christian sense of the family."

The drawing took place at the VFW on December 20, with Mrs. Virginia Kline drawing the lucky name of Miss Giesler. A second name was drawn, that of Miss Louise Adams of Emmitsburg. Her award was a chocheted black poodle over a large bottle.

This Committee voted to continue as such, and will hold its next meeting following the holidays. Mr. Richard M. Burgee and Mrs. Louise E. Fraley are Chairman and Co-Chairman respectively. Monies received from this awarding will go to defray expenses incurred during the past election.

The Womens Democratic League of Frederick County will have installation of officers, followed by dinner and dance at the Fredrick VFW on Monday, January 21, 1963. Mrs. Glenna M. Leatherman will present the gavel to Mrs. S. Madelyn Hines, the incoming president.

50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shank of R1, Thurmont, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas eve. A family get-together was held Sunday. They have five sons, Weldon B. Shank, Emmitsburg; Odell J. Shank, Waynesboro; Rev. Rosco W. Shank, Parkersburg, W. Va.; C. B. Shank, Greencastle, Pa.; and Leo L. Shank, R1, Thurmont.

The National Computer Center, the heart of Internal Revenue's automatic data processing system, was opened in 1961 in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The first receipt to farm well is to be rich.—Sidney Smith.

OBITUARIES

MISS M. RUTH ORNDORFF
Miss M. Ruth Orndorff, 66, of St. Anthony's, died Friday morning at the Western Maryland Chronic Hospital, Hagerstown. Miss Orndorff was the daughter of the late Frank and Cora Wely Orndorff. She was born near Emmitsburg and was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and the Sodality.

She is survived by eight brothers and sisters: Maurice Orndorff, Mrs. Alice McGlaughlin and Mrs. Evelyn Hartdagen, all of Emmitsburg; Mrs. Viola Hemler, and Mrs. Bernadette Kaas, Thurmont R2; Charles Orndorff, Altoona, Pa.; Miss Katherine Orndorff, Lancaster, Pa., and John Orndorff, Rocky Ridge.

Funeral services were held on Monday with a requiem Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church with Rev. Fr. Vincent Tomalski officiating. Interment was in St. Anthony's Cemetery. M. L. Creager and Son, funeral directors.

Pallbearers were David Kaas, Edward Orndorff, Sterling Orndorff, Francis Hemler, Charles Hartdagen and Francis McGlaughlin.

MRS. ALBERT J. RIFFLE

Mrs. Nellie Gertrude Riffle, 67, wife of Albert J. Riffle, Thurmont, died Saturday morning at the Frederick Memorial Hospital. Daughter of the late Wallace and Catherine Hollenberry Moser, she was taken ill Friday and rushed to the hospital.

Mrs. Riffle was a member of the Thurmont Methodist Church and the W.S.C.S., secretary and past president of the Thurmont American Legion Auxiliary, a charter member of the Gettysburg Numismatic Society and a member of the Libertytown Coin Club.

She is survived by her husband and five sons, Albert D., Franklin E., Kermit R., Leroy W. and Elwood O. Riffle, all of Thurmont; six brothers and sisters, Maurice Moser and Mrs. Annie Valentine, of Emmitsburg; Mrs. Daisy Dinterman and Mrs. Raymond Eyer, of Keyville; John Moser, Westminster and Russell Moser, Littlestown, Pa., and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Creager Funeral Home in Thurmont on Monday at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Paul F. Warner officiating. Interment was in the Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont. Pallbearers were Leo Riffle, Bruce Riffle, Robert Dubel, Roy Valentine, Richard Valentine and Donald Moser.

Democrats Play Santa

Yes, Jenifer Giesler of Rockford, Illinois, there is a Santa and he resides at 233 E. Church St., Frederick, Md. Fortunately, Jenifer who has an aunt, Miss Evelyn Geisler at this above address who was awarded the Barbe Doll and a wardrobe of fifty pieces of apparel. This wardrobe was assembled and made by several members of the Committee for Election of Democratic Congressional Candidates, namely Mrs. Helen McKensive, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton and Mrs. Louise E. Fraley.

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Mary P. Morningstar, Emmitsburg.
Mrs. Robert A. Seidel and infant daughter, Emmitsburg.
Mrs. Wilmer Baker, Emmitsburg R2.
Mrs. Robert F. Walter, Emmitsburg.
Births
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Topper Emmitsburg R2, son Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. James Fritz, Emmitsburg R2, daughter, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hobbs, Taneytown, daughter, Sunday.

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Sincerely yours,
W. S. King
District Manager

County Tax Rate Hiked 16 Cents

That old bugaboo, rising costs, was blamed by the Frederick County Commissioners for an announced tax rate increase in this county. The announcement was made this week by the Commissioners.

Your new tax bill will show a healthy increase of 16 cents per \$100 on assessed value of your real estate. This pushes the new tax rate to \$2.04.

In announcing the increase, Board President A. Irvin Renn said the Commissioners and their staff had worked well into the nights solidly for the past three weeks in an effort to give detailed scrutiny to all departmenters Lawrence Dorsey and Rusments.

Mr. Renn said he, with Commissioner Horman cut as much as possible all the department requests, but pointed out that some increases had to be made in order for an effective operation of the departments.

As usual the most expensive department in the county system is education. Total funds appropriated for this department is \$3,640,167 including \$46,500 for the Community College. The Board of Education had requested a total of \$4,375,959 showing a cut for the next year of nearly \$890,000 from their budget request. The 1962 appropriation for education was \$5,212,300.

Total cuts in all department requests amounted to approximately \$990,000.

By a detailed overhauling of their own operation, the County Commissioners were able to trim \$72,000 off the general operating expenses involving county property and staff salaries. This \$72,000 figure it was shown in the budget outline, is a saving from the operating expenses of previous years. The savings included \$23,300 in operation of the county buildings.

The increase in the tax rate will provide some \$446,451 in additional revenue for the county. The majority of this will probably go to education according to the general budget outline.

Total revenue expected for the year 1963 from real estate is approximately \$4,640,463 compared with \$4,087,900 in 1962.

Total expected from other sources of revenue is approximately \$1,252,680 being about \$23,000 more than was received in 1962.

The Commissioners in figuring up the 1963 budget had no cushion of surplus which had been the case in the working out of the 1962 budget. In 1962 a surplus of more than \$117,000 was "found."

It was pointed out, that if the Commissioners had granted in full all of the budget requests, the tax rate would have had to have been increased some 65 cents.

This is the first major tax increase since the rate was set \$1.88 for 1960. That was an increase of 18 cents over the 1959 rate of \$1.70. For the year 1959 the tax rate had been increased 16 cents to \$1.70.

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Sometimes I read a book with pleasure, detest the author.—Jonathan Swift.