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The Weekend Weather Forecast

Warm Friday, turning a little cooler over the weekend. Some rain expected Saturday or Sunday.

Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

The untimely demise of Father Kearney, dean of studies at Mt. St. Mary's College was a distinct shock to his many friends here. Since coming to the Mount almost 20 years ago, Father made a host of friends both in Emmitsburg and alumni circles. A brilliant man, his irreplaceable loss to the Mount faculty leaves a vacancy that will be hard to fill. Our deepest sympathies to his surviving mother, brothers and sisters.

Yesterday was actually Spring but for a while Tuesday it looked like we were in for more winter. It started out as rain, followed by light snow and wound up as sleet. It just proves my contention that March is just about the most unpredictable month of the year, and it isn't over yet by a long shot. Remember last year at this time? Well many houses and farms were without power or phone service for about a week and it was just about now. I'm not advocating or any more foul weather, I'm just citing you facts that almost anything can happen, weather-wise now, and happen mighty fast. I don't want to alarm you, but it seems every time I dwell on the weather, something drastic, in the way of precipitation, seems to happen. You can take it from there.

You can imagine the chagrin and embarrassment of the program director of a D. C. television station when Tuesday night a Christmas commercial popped on the screen warning you that you had very little time to select those wonderful shoes for gift-giving being offered by a well-known department store. Or perhaps the thing was intentional. You never know when some screwball is going to advertise Christmas goods. After all they are rushing the season more and more every year.

Was talking to several Gettysburg merchants the other week and the conversation centered on the growth and exploitation of Gettysburg. The merchants claimed that as far back as a decade ago they discussed the advancement of the town but that at the time the local businessmen were apathetic about the whole thing. Out-of-towners were on their toes and quickly moved in to practically monopolize, museums, souvenir places, motels and other means and devices of taking the public's money. The apathy of the local business men, and other individuals there, set me to thinking just how receptive and responsive our own people will be here since the beatification of Mother Seton has come about. Will Emmitsburg take a back seat to the outsiders and let them do all the promoting, or will local progressive individuals take a cue and provide the advancement? Only time will tell.

President Kennedy's tour of Central America has been a huge success and as one commentator remarked, if Kennedy ran for president in Costa Rica he undoubtedly would win hands down. The trip should stimulate trade relations and increase friendship with those small nations to the south of us and unite us in a strong bond that should cause Castro to wither on the vine.

EMMITSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL PTA TO MEET
Emmitsburg Public School PTA will meet on Tuesday, March 26, at 8 p.m. The topic for discussion is Up-Dating Math. Mrs. Mary Hoke, Mrs. Mary Scott and Mrs. Marilyn Williams are in charge of the program. Let's make this a red letter day and plan to attend.

DANCE TONIGHT
A teen-age dance will be sponsored by the Youth Club of Emmitsburg in the VFW Annex tonight (Friday), it has been announced. Live music will be furnished by The Combinations, a local band. The affair will start at 8 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m. Admission will be 50c per person.

Scout Troops Window Displays Are Judged

The window decorating contest by the Emmitsburg and Thurmont Girl Scout Troops in observance of Girl Scout Week has come to a close with the final Grand Awards being presented at the Girl Scout program in Thurmont Monday night. Two Grand Awards had to be presented since there was a tie for first place in the judging of all the troops together. The window decorated by Brownie Troop 80 and Intermediate Troop 1288 of Thurmont, in Donald L. Lewis' shared first place with the window decorated by Brownie Troop 1300 in the Emmitsburg Water Company window.

In the division judging, Brownie Troop 1300 whose exhibit was at the Water Company placed first. Mrs. Ralph Lindsey is the leader and Mrs. Williams helped in this project. Brownie Troop 1317 in Orendorf's Store, placed second. Mrs. Louis Orendorf is the leader. In the Intermediate division, Troop 1316 placed first, Mrs. John Chalos is the leader. The window was in Crouse's on the Square. Troop 1487 in the Emmitsburg Pharmacy placed second. Mrs. Richard Dickson, leader. The Senior Troop 88 had their exhibit in the Emmitsburg Public Library. Mrs. Robert Myers is their leader.

The Scouts wish to thank the proprietors of the various buildings for their generosity in loaning the windows for the exhibits.

They would also like to remind the people of Emmitsburg that the Girl Scout Cookie Sale will continue for just one more week. Get yours now while the supply lasts.

Highway Fatals On Increase

Ten persons were killed on Maryland highways last week according to the weekly survey published by the Maryland State Police.

Two of those killed were drivers; two were passengers; and six were pedestrians.

Alcohol was a contributing factor in five of the deaths; speed in four; and "driver error" was present in five of the fatalities.

Six out of the ten fatalities were pedestrians. This is a continuation of this year's upward trend in pedestrian deaths, which number 34 to date this year as compared with 19 for the same period last year. This increase has been most noticeable in the counties rather than in Baltimore City.

Two of last week's pedestrian deaths were children (13 and 3) who ran into the path of a vehicle. The other four were adults (38, 42, 58 and 62), only one of whom had the right of way.

Girl Scout Troop 1316 Meets

Troop 1316 held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 4 p.m. in St. Euphemia's hall. The roll was called by Clara Tyler, Troop Scribe, and dues were collected by Carolyn Wierman, Troop Treasurer. The business meeting was conducted by Betty Tokar, vice president. Mrs. Tokar is in charge of the cookie sale this year and came to explain items pertaining to it. The sale will be conducted from March 15 to 30. The girls then elected patrol leaders. Martha Byard, with Betty Tokar as her assistant, was elected. The other patrol did not vote. Then the groups progressed to a discussion of a program which was presented Monday night in the Thurmont School. The program commemorated the 51st birthday of Girl Scouting in the United States. The meeting was then closed with the Friendship Circle.

BENJAMIN S. McNAIR
Benjamin S. McNair, 70, died at his home in Owings Mills Sunday morning. He was a son of the late Harry and Alice Keilholtz McNair.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Philip D. Deimler, Hummelstown, Pa., Mrs. Charles Wiegand, Lancaster, and Mrs. Ivan Croyne, Germantown, Pa.

He was a member of Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. Rev. Ronald Fearer and Rev. Philip Bower, officiated. Interment was in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Farmers patronage dividends is taxable income for Federal income tax purposes.

PLAY REHEARSALS CONTINUE

Rehearsals are progressing nicely for the three-act comedy, "Come to Dinner," which will be presented at the Emmitsburg High School auditorium on March 29 under the auspices of the Senior Class.

Seen in the role of Eleanor Blaine, who is a scatterbrained social climber, will be Miss Susan McClain and playing opposite her as the Ketchup King will be Mr. Douglas Valentine. Lona Frock as their daughter, Roxona, is an attractive past debutante having trouble warding off suitors selected by her mother. Austin Umbel will be presented in the role of Roxan's "true love". Other members of the cast include: Misses Sylvia Brauer, Nancy Eyster, Sandy Wagerman, Elizabeth Flory, Nancy Glass, and Messrs. Thomas Humerick and Charles Kline.

Tickets are on sale from any member of the Senior Class. Admission is 75c for adults and 50c for children.

Junior Students Take Tests

Eleven members of the junior class at Emmitsburg High School took the 1963 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test recently, Mrs. Margaret Polley, Guidance Counselor, announced.

The qualifying test is a three-hour examination of educational development. The test is the first step in the ninth annual competition for four-year Merit Scholarships provided by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and by sponsoring corporations, foundations, associations, unions, and individuals.

The test scores of students who are examined in March will be reported to their schools before May 15. The scores are used by class advisors in many high schools to help students make decisions about college attendance and field of study. Many students who do not expect to win a scholarship take the test in order to learn more about their individual strengths and weaknesses in the areas measured by the test.

Basketball Players Honored

Four St. Joseph's High School basketball players were honored this week by the Blue Ridge Catholic League.

John Little headed the first team while Jack Topper was named to the second team. Denny Stahley and Gene Lingg were among those given honorable mention.

Sharing first team honors with Little were Tim Butts and Bob Brandt from St. Joseph's of Martinsburg, and Bill Lucas and Terry Dwyer of St. Maria Goretti, Hagerstown.

Food Sale Saturday

A food and rummage sale will be sponsored by St. Anthony's Shrine Saturday in the parish hall starting at 10 a.m. Both old and new clothing will be on sale as well as all kinds of good food. The general public is cordially welcomed.

Shooting Match Sunday

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will attempt to hold a shooting match this Sunday afternoon at the Civic Grounds. The affair will start at 1 o'clock and shells will be furnished. Money prizes will be offered and a rod and reel will be awarded. The event was postponed last Sunday due to wet grounds. Should inclement weather prevail the event will be held the following Sunday.

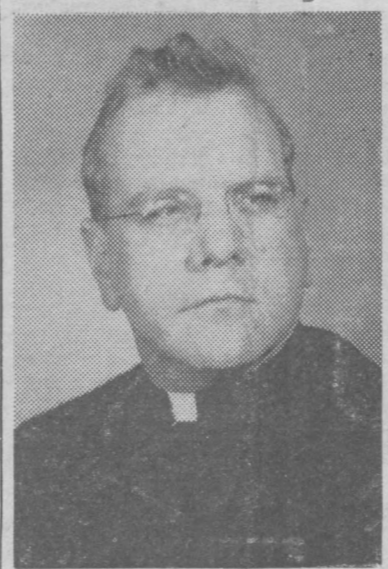
County Commissioner Advocates County Sales Tax

County Commissioner Lawrence A. Dorsey this week advocated a sales tax to provide additional revenue for the county and said the state should repay to the county more of the taxes it collects here.

These statements were made by Commissioner Dorsey as he spoke and answered questions before the Frederick County Young Democratic Club meeting at the fire hall in his home town of Woodlboro.

"If a nation expects to be both ignorant and free it expects what never was and never will be."—Thomas Jefferson.

Father Kearney, Dean Of Studies, Dies Suddenly



Rev. Francis P. Kearney, JCD, Dean of Studies at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, died suddenly of a heart attack early Tuesday evening. He was 51 years of age.

The body was discovered in Father Kearney's room at the college by Rev. Carl J. Fives. Upon subsequent examination, Dr. B. O. Thomas Sr., Frederick County Medical Examiner, pronounced death due to natural causes.

Father Kearney reportedly suffered from a heart condition the past seven years.

A native of Baltimore, Father Kearney received his A.B. degree from St. Mary's University there in 1933, his S.T.L. degree in 1937 and his J.C.D. from Catholic University, Washington, in 1942.

He served as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Baltimore from 1937 to 1938, and at the Basilica of the Assumption, Baltimore, from 1938 to 1939. Between 1940 and 1942, he was acting Assistant Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Father Kearney joined the faculty of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary in 1942 and continued to teach theology and canon law in the seminary despite his duties as Dean of the college.

He celebrated the silver anniversary of his ordination last June.

Father Kearney was a member of the Canon Law Society of America. He was the author of frequent articles in The Jurist, the publication of the Canon Law Society of America, and of the Educational Rites of the Church, published by the Catholic University Press in 1953. He was very active in college educational circles.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Catherine Kearney; two brothers, John J. Kearney Jr., and James C. Kearney; and two sisters, Mrs. Angela Eppler and Mrs. Kathleen Brennan, all of Baltimore.

The body is lying in state in the College Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, the priests and seminarians of the college and seminary chanted the Office of the Dead. Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. a Solemn Requiem Mass will be offered in the Chapel by the Very Rev. Thomas J. Kilcullen, J.C.D., vice president of the college, as celebrant; Rev. Carl J. Fives, deacon; and Rev. Robert H. Wharton, sub-deacon. Master of ceremonies will be Rev. Gommor A. DePauw, J.C.D., dean of the seminary.

Rev. David W. Shaum, Ph.D., will deliver the sermon. The body will be transferred to Baltimore where it will rest in state in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. On Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. a Pontifical Requiem Mass will be celebrated. The burial will be in the New Cathedral Cemetery.

Future Teachers Hold Clothing Drive

Under the leadership of the Emmitsburg Future Teachers Club, the students of Emmitsburg Elementary and High School participated recently in a Bundle Day drive for warm and usable clothing to be distributed to underprivileged children in the southern mountain area of the county.

During the clothing drive the children donated about 500 pounds of clothing for adults and children. Through the Save the Children Federation this clothing will be sorted, mended, and distributed to the needy.

KNIGHTS PLAN LADIES' NIGHT

The regular meeting of Brute Council 1860, Knights of Columbus, was held Monday night in the Council Home, Grand Knight William E. Sanders presiding.

Carl Wetzel reported the annual audit had been completed. J. Laurence Orendorf reported plans were progressing for the annual communion breakfast which will be held in May.

Guy A. Baker, Sr., chairman of the ladies' night affair planned for after Easter announced the date had been set for Saturday, April 20. The affair will be held in the council home and the admission will be \$2 per couple. Prospective members and their wives will be invited.

The grand knight appointed the following committee to investigate the possible installation of road signs: Frank S. Topper, Clyde W. Eyer, Richard Weedon and Arthur Elder.

Rocky Ridge 4-H Club Meets

Members of the Rocky Ridge Progressive 4-H Club held their meeting at the home of Sharon and Paula Goetz recently. Forty-two members and one new member, Stephen Thomas, were present.

Junior leaders, appointed to head the various project activities are: Alan Brauer, dairy cattle, assisting, James Hill; Ronnie Krom, beef, assisting, Ralph Lee Keilholtz; Marshall Sharrer, tractor maintenance, assisting, Charles Brauer and Richard Valentine.

It was announced that no definite date has been set for the bake sale. Sylvia and Alan Brauer and Jerry Orendorf placed posters, in celebration of 4-H week in various stores throughout the county. Kimberly Parks gave a report on 4-H club work and Freddie Keilholtz gave a report on his pony project during 4-H week.

James Hill and Marshall Sharrer attended the Thurmont Cooperative Stockholders meeting recently. It was also announced that the club was the winner of the Maryland Bankers Award. Some of the members from the club will attend the McDonough School Fair.

Following the meeting a birthday party was held in honor of Sharon and Paula Goetz.

Cars Crash

Damage totaling \$375 was estimated when two cars collided Saturday on U. S. 15 south of the Mt. Manor Motel.

Tfc. Earl F. Tracey of the Maryland State Police, said Richard H. Frock of Brunswick was traveling south on Route 15 in a 1958 Rambler and as he rounded a curve, he collided with a 1956 Ford traveling north on Route 15 operated by Howard E. Blackwell of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Damage to the Rambler was placed at \$250 and to the Ford at \$125.

Thurmont Election Scheduled

Residents of Thurmont have been notified that the Town Primary will be held Monday, April 1, in the Fire Hall at 8 p.m.

At the meeting, nominations for Mayor and two Town Commissioners will be accepted. The two-year terms of board president Donald L. Lewis and Commissioner Charles R. Ambrose and William J. Lidie expire this year.

Also during the meeting, the Mayor's report for the year will be given, the financial status of the town will be discussed, and business for the welfare of the town such as street and sanitary improvements will be discussed. Town officials this year are hoping for a better turnout of voters than last year, when only 200 of the town's more than 800 registered voters attended. The population of Thurmont is about 1,800.

The town general election will be held in the fire hall Monday, April 22, with balloting between noon and 7 p.m. Only residents whose names are on the Thurmont election books are eligible to vote.

Residents who have not registered to vote are urged by officials to do so as soon as possible at the town office. Deadline for registrations is Monday, April 15.

Commissioners Edgar B. Palmer and Jules E. Shapiro, who were elected to office last year, will not be up for re-election this year.

Scout Night Is Well Attended

The program presented by the Girl Scout Troops of Emmitsburg and Thurmont in the Thurmont Elementary School auditorium on Monday night was well attended. This is an annual event observing Girl Scout Week which regularly falls the week of March 12, the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

The program was opened with the invocation by the Rev. William E. Ervin Jr., of St. John Lutheran Church of Thurmont. The March of the Flags was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States and the singing of one verse of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The bearer of the American Flag was Barbara Fitzgerald. The World Flag was carried by Harriet Harner. The individual flags of the troops followed, carried by a representative of the troop, Troop 1493, Sandra Fink; Troop 88, Phyllis Chatlos; Troop 1288, Mary Valentine; Troop 1316, Pamela Topper; Troop 1487, Connie Michael; Troop 1317, Linda Seidel; Troop 1300, Nancy Carr; Troop 80, Cheryl Smith; Troop 1486, Julianne Roberts.

The Community Troop Service Director, Mrs. John Chatlos, gave a few words of greeting. The general theme of the program was "Around the World and Back Again." The first part was "Scouting at Home." The Brownie Troop under the leadership of Mrs. Ralph Lindsey of Emmitsburg, presented "The Brownie Story," in a dramatic skit. Mrs. Eugene Valentine's Brownie Troop of Thurmont told about the eleven fields of interest around which the total Scout program is built. Mrs. Valentine's Intermediate Troop, in a skit, recalled the fun when "We Go Camping." They sat around a campfire and talked about the camping experiences which were theirs. The Intermediate Troop led by Mrs. George Wireman of Thurmont showed by skit the wrong way and the right way to obey the Girl Scout laws. Each Girl Scout and leader in the Girl Scout Promise, promises to obey these laws.

The Intermediate Troop led by Mrs. John Chatlos of Emmitsburg presented on a flannelgraph the various ways in which the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund is spent. This Fund is a memorial to the Founder of Girl Scouting in the United States of America, Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low. It is used to help build international understanding and friendship among Girl Scouts and Girl Guides of many nations, through exchange opportunities at the international events held at Our Cabana in Mexico and Our Chalet in Switzerland and in other ways. Each troop then presented its gift to the Fund using the theme "Dimes for Daisy." Daisy was the nickname for Mrs. Low. A total of \$23.55 was received.

This year the troops also observed Girl Scout Week with a window-decorating contest. These windows were judged and ribbons awarded. Mrs. Chatlos presented the Grand Award to Brownie Troop 1300, Mrs. Lindsey, leader, of Emmitsburg, and to Brownie Troop 80 and Intermediate Troop 1288 of Thurmont, under the leadership of Mrs. Eugene Valentine of Thurmont who had one window together. The judges were unable to decide between the two windows so two grand awards were given.

"Scouting Around the World" was then presented in a colorful manner by a Czechoslovakian Folk Dance, "The Little Red Handkerchief" by Brownie Troop 1486, Mrs. Harold Curry, leader, of Thurmont. Intermediate Troop 1487 of Emmitsburg, Mrs. Richard Dickson, leader, had a very lovely display of international dress, as the girls modeled costumes of many countries and told about scouting in each one. This was followed by an international fashion show of Brownie uniforms, modeled by Brownie Troop 1317, Mrs. Louis Orendorf, leader, of Emmitsburg. This troop also sang a French song and danced the Mexican Hat Dance.

"Back Home Again," the Senior Troop of Emmitsburg, Mrs. Robert Myers, leader, showed the Senior Aides in action as they taught songs to a troop of Intermediate Scouts around a blazing campfire. They closed their program with the singing of "Taps" by everyone present and the Rev. Ervin pronounced the benediction.

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Two Colleges Represented In Rome

Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg, was represented in Rome at the beatification ceremonies of Mother Elizabeth Seton by Rt. Rev. Robert R. Kline, college president; Rt. Rev. George D. Mulcahy, rector of the seminary; and Rev. Hugh J. Phillips, college chaplain. The Mount, which is the site of Mother Seton's first home in Emmitsburg, played an integral part in Mother Seton's early work. Rev. John DuBois, founder of the Mount in 1808, and Rev. Simon Brute, his assistant, gave material and spiritual aid to the young widow and the sisterhood which she founded.

Mother Seton, her children, and the pioneer band of sisters arrived at the Mount in 1809. They spent six weeks from June 21 to July 31 on the mountainside in the small house provided by Father DuBois. The site of this home, marked by a stone Celtic cross in 1910, is adjacent to the College Grotto, the oldest replica of the Shrine of Lourdes, France, in the United States and which has been designated as a national shrine by Rome. It is interesting to note that Mother Seton was perhaps the first person to designate the site as the Grotto. In 1810, she wrote, "Yesterday we all, about twenty children and sisters, dined in our grotto on the mountain, where we go Sundays for the divine office."

Her diary is also filled with references to the many treks that the sisters from across the Valley of Saint Joseph made to this holy place. The first statue of the Virgin Mary was placed at the Grotto during Mother Seton's lifetime.

In Father Charles White's "Life of Mother Seton" (1853), one finds these words: "Here too would Mother Seton, before taking on a rock known as hers a simple repast with her little band, invoke the divine blessing by reciting the Canticle of the Three Children. And none that ever heard her could ever forget the tone of that voice and the fervor of that heart which, in the midst of the wild scenery of nature, called upon all creatures to bless and magnify their Creator." History further recalls that seated on the rock "known as hers," she would teach to her sons and the children of the pioneer parish, now Saint Anthony's Parish, their catechism. Three generations of Mother Seton's family are buried in the adjacent parish cemetery.

Although it was Father DuBois who first aided Mother Seton, it is recorded that Father Simon Brute was primarily responsible for the spiritual nurturing of the young community of sisters. In payment for his kindness, Mother Seton taught the young French priest how to develop his classes and sermons in English. For a time he served as chaplain to the sisterhood.

Brute also conducted the final religious retreat of Mother Seton's life and ministered to her in her final days until her death in 1821. He immediately urged the sisters to gather all of the writings of their foundress: "Preserve all carefully and gather up the fragments lest any be lost, for some say how precious they will be!"

The close relationship between the Mount and Saint Joseph College, founded by Mother Seton, has continued and flourished over the years. Monsignor Kline, president of the Mount, served as chaplain to Saint Joseph's from 1957-1961. Also during the years the two institutions have interchanged and utilized both the services of each others facilities and physical plants.

The alumni records of both show that many a Mount-Saint Joseph family can be found throughout the States where college friendships have blossomed into spiritual relationships of marriage and family based on the Christian ideals imparted by Blessed Mother Seton and her priestly benefactors of Mount St. Mary's College.

GLEE CLUB TO PERFORM

The Rev. David W. Shaum announces that the Glee Club of St. Joseph's High School will present on Sunday evening, April 28, its annual spring performance, this year entitled "An Evening With Oklahoma."