



# Emmitsburg Chronicle

The Weekend Weather Forecast  
Warm Friday followed by cooler over the weekend. Showers expected late Friday or Saturday.

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## Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

Emmitsburgians were sickened and numbed by the action of the assassin, Lee Oswald, who triggered off a deadly shot Friday that slammed into the brain of President John F. Kennedy, causing his death within the hour. The incredible and horrible action came to the nation's youngest President at what was perhaps the zenith of his career. Beloved by the world as well as his own people, President Kennedy already was being proclaimed as one of the Nation's great Presidents, a position he so rightly deserved. The full impact of the deadliness and dastardly action of the assassin left the entire town prostrate. Almost immediately streets were deserted and business in general came to a halt. Businessmen claimed they never saw their places so deserted in such a short space of time. This quietness permeated the air until our beloved President was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery three days later. It is believed most residents glued themselves to their television chairs for most of the three days, reticent to leave their homes for fear of missing a single detail and also to get last glimpse of our great President. Politics were not even discussed and even the most bitter opponents of the present Kennedy administration were stunned into shock and silence. Friendly people we have known all our lives broke down emotionally and wept as the discussion involuntarily turned to the dastardly deed. The reaction of Emmitsburgians was a carbon copy of the Nation as a whole. The people of Dallas reacted the same as elsewhere in the Nation. I personally don't think we should hold any malice against Dallas or its citizens. After all this infamous act could have taken place in any city or hamlet in this country, even Emmitsburg, and I for one, wouldn't accept any blame for the act of a two-bit punk such as Oswald.

There is only one course to follow in our deep sorrow caused by the bereavement of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and that is to adhere to his sound and intelligent policies, many of which already have been put into practice, and many of the future ones which have as yet not been proven. Congress has proven a stumbling block to a number of important pieces of legislation proposed by the deceased Chief Executive, and this legislation is being held up at this very moment. I am confident that if this legislation were enacted and put into effect immediately the public would see the logic and wisdom and benefit that the futuristic mind of President Kennedy intended it for and that the benefit it would bring not only for Americans but humanity in general. We should implore our present Congress to enact this legislation immediately. These are the things our President gave his life for and easily could be adapted to the rapidly changing world of today.

Our Nation has lost a brilliant and great leader but there are others in our midst, who if given a chance, can and will guide this, the greatest country in the world, on to world leadership and for the general betterment of mankind.

Lyndon B. Johnson, now President Johnson, is just such a man. He must be given a fair and unshackled opportunity to show his colors and greatness. It was God's will he is in the White House this very day and as our leader in this time of world crisis we owe him our unqualified support.

To the Kennedy family, we offer our deepest condolences and sympathy. He was the leader of your family and he also was our leader. He was loved deeply by you and by us and he will remain indelibly impressed in our minds and hearts forever.

## Safety Warning

Lt. Carroll E. Cook, commander of Barracks "B" State Police, issued a warning to all motorists this week to avoid winding all windows up in their cars while the motor is running. The commander said that all motorists should always have at least one window open in the car to allow the flow of fresh air and to diminish the intake of carbon monoxide fumes.

## Mountaineers Open Season Saturday

Coach Jim Phelan's Mt. St. Mary's cagers will engage powerful St. Joseph's in Philadelphia Saturday night in the curtain raiser of the 1963-64 basketball season.

Action in the Palestra at the city of Brotherly Love will pit the Mount against St. Joseph's and LaSalle battling Albright in a double-header event.

One of the big problems facing Coach Phelan is speed, much of which disappeared when Eddie Pfeiffer and Dave Maloney graduated. Also missing via graduation is John O'Reilly, the husky rebounder and prolific scorer. All were handicapped by injuries a year ago and missed many key games.

According to Phelan the Mount will play a more deliberate brand of ball and go for the good shot. "We've got good overall shooting and adequate rebounding," says Phelan.

Jack Campbell, 6'6, who left school last winter, has returned 40 pounds lighter and is expected to clinch a regular berth. Backing him up and pressing strong is Bill Neuss, 6'6.

At present it appears John Carrell, 6'3 Sophomore, and Ed Folk, 6'5 Junior, will pair off at forwards with Mike Costello, 6'0 Senior, and Bernie Haag, 6' Sophomore, in the back court.

Jim Livelsberger, 5'10 Senior guard, who led Delone High in scoring in his Senior year, has been tabbed by Phelan as probably their best dribbler and quickest shot.

Among other strong candidates are Fran Fenerty, 6'6, Lou Mar-

tine, 6'3 and a trio of Freshmen, Pete Johnson, 6'3, Ed Sarmir, 6'3 and Mike Lyons, 6'1.

Last year the Mounties recorded only a 13-12 record but won their third straight Mason-Dixon Conference title with an 8-6 mark.

A 22-game schedule has been arranged for the Mountaineers and includes the following:

November 30, St. Joseph's at Philadelphia; December 3, Shepherd, away; 5, American, home; 7, Susquehanna at York; 10, Baltimore, away; 13, Catholic, away; 16, Roanoke, home; 27 and 28, Battlefield tournament at Gettysburg College.

January 7, Western Maryland, away; 8, Shepherd, home; 10, Old Dominion, home; 11, Loyola, home; 16, Shippensburg, home; 27, Rider, away.

February 7, Hampden - Sydney, home; 8, Loyola, away; 11, American, away; 14, Randolph-Macon, away; 15, Catholic, home; 17, Western Maryland, home; 18, Washington, home; 27-21, Mason-Dixon finals.

The game with Susquehanna University at York on Dec. 7 is being sponsored by the Sertoma Club of York, which donates the proceeds to charity. The game will be held in the Central High School gymnasium, with proceeds to be used to purchase and install a swimming pool at Camp Pennwood, a day camp for retarded children. The game will start at 9 p.m. and will be preceded by weightlifting by members of the York Barbell Club and college wrestling exhibitions, and a posing exhibition by Vern Weaver, Mr. America of 1963, starting at 7:30 p.m.

## Sodality Xmas Party Dec. 17

The regular monthly meeting of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin of St. Joseph's Church, was held on Monday evening in St. Euphemia's School hall. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Stauble, spiritual director and was presided over by the president, Mary Sherwin. The ladies decided to hold their annual Christmas party on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Green Parrot Tea Shop. Consultants of the Bands will contact their members about tickets. The full price of the menu is \$1.50, but it was voted by the group to sell tickets for \$1.00 and pay the balance of the price out of the treasury. Each member will bring a gift of \$1.00 value and these gifts will be exchanged among those present.

Serving of the Father-Son breakfast for the Knights of Columbus was discussed, but due to the small attendance, final decision was delayed until the next meeting. Election of officers and a short business meeting will be held after the Christmas party. Reception of new members will be held in the Church on Sunday, December 8. Any ladies of the parish who are not members and wish to join, are asked to contact any member or officer. Mrs. Eunice Neighbour's name was called for the door prize, but she was not present. Father Stauble closed the meeting with a prayer. Father asked the members to recite the Rosary for the late President, John F. Kennedy.

## 36 K-C Members Received Degree

The second degree was exemplified to 36 candidates at Mount St. Mary's College last Sunday afternoon. A number of the group were members of Brute Council 1860, Knights of Columbus, Emmitsburg.

Present at the exemplification were Paul A. Keepers, District Deputy, District Warden Carl A. Wetzel, Grand Knight of Mt. St. Mary's Council Daniel McDonald, Past Grand Knights of Brute Council William E. Sanders and Laurence Orendorff, and Deputy Grand Knight Arthur Elder. The degree exemplification was in charge of the Pangborn Council, Hagers-town. The third degree will be given at the Mount on January 12. The second degree class was dedicated to the memory of our deceased President John F. Kennedy.

## Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. William Garner, Kensington, announce the birth of a son last Wednesday, their second son and fourth child. Mrs. Garner is the former Miss Betty Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald.

## Mount Officials To Attend Convention

More than 525 representatives of some 280 colleges and universities from six states are expected to attend the annual convention of the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Officers of Admission, Dec. 6 and 7, at Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.

Rev. Carl J. Fives, Dean of Studies, Rev. Robert S. Grace, Dean of Men, and Guy A. Baker, Jr., Registrar, of Mount Saint Mary's College, will represent the local institution at the conclave of the regional segment of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. J. H. Wagner, Registrar at Lehigh University, is the regional president.

The keynote address will be given by Richard G. Folsom, President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at 2:20 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 6. His topic "Horse and Buggy Higher Education in a Jet Age" will set the theme for the convention.

Eight workshops, each dealing with a separate registration or admission problem area, will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning. The need for more well qualified personnel is denoted by the topic of one of these workshops: "A Possible Training Course for Registrars and Admissions Officers."

Others will deal with foreign student problems, schedule building, machine equipment, class profiles, data flow, prediction techniques, and financial aid.

An address by Robert P. Snyder, Vice President for Finance and Development, Moravian College, will follow the Saturday workshops.

Florence M. Brady, President of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, and Registrar at Occidental College, will give the closing address at Saturday's luncheon.

## Local Jaycees To Be Reactivated

A reorganizational meeting of the Emmitsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 starting at 2 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

All members of the local Jaycees and also anyone interested in joining the group are asked to be present. Young men between the age group 20-36 are eligible to join.

In the short number of years the Jaycees were active here in the community many projects were undertaken and completed. Among them was the Christmas decoration drive, street numbering, working on the Library, forming the Cub Scouts, reopening of the local theater, etc.

## Local Representative



T. FRED FIROR

T. Fred Firor, 64, of Thurmont, died at noon Tuesday at the Church Home Infirmary in Baltimore where he was taken to undergo an emergency operation. He operated a plumbing business in Thurmont until 1948 when he became employed at the Thurmont Shoe Company. He was a member of the Reformed United Church of Christ. Surviving are his wife, Pauline V. (Hobbs) Firor; two daughters: Mrs. Theresa Whipp of Kensington and Mrs. Frances Greco of Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany; a son: John Edward, at home; four grandchildren and a sister: Mrs. Ruth Six of Emmitsburg. Funeral services will be held at the Creager Funeral Home, Thurmont, this afternoon (Friday), at 2 p.m., conducted by his pastor, Rev. Richard Ruof, assisted by Rev. Edward V. Echle. Interment will be made in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Thurmont.

## Rev. Fife Will Be Guest Minister

Dr. J. Frank Fife, President of the Maryland Synod, of the Lutheran Church in America, will be the guest minister at Elias Lutheran Church on Sunday, Dec. 1.

A graduate of Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Reverend Fife is the first President of the Synod to serve full-time in that capacity. Previous Heads of Synod also served as Parish Pastors. Many in Emmitsburg will remember Dr. Charles Reinwald, a former Lutheran Pastor here, who also served as President of Synod during 1906 and 1907. Dr. Fife was Secretary of Synod from 1934, and president since 1947.

Ordained in 1929, he served the Woodsboro parish and at Holy Comforter Church, Baltimore, before being called to Synodical positions.

Prior to entering the ministry, Dr. Fife taught in the York County, Pa., school system. He is a native of that county.

December 1 is the First Sunday in Advent, and marks the beginning of a new Church Year. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Reginald Zepp, will sing selections from "The Messiah," by Handel. They will be accompanied by Mr. Paul Spring, an organist and student from the Seminary.

Serving as Liturgists at the service will be the Pastor, W. Ronald Fearer, and Seminarian, Theodore Wachhaus. Dr. Fife will preach the morning's sermon. Following the service, a fellowship luncheon will be held for Dr. and Mrs. Fife, members of the Congregation and friends.

## Taneytown PTA Will Present Show

Cavalcade of Mystery, presented by that world famous magician Ray-Mond, will be brought to the Taneytown High School auditorium on Saturday, November 30, for the benefit of the Taneytown Elementary PTA. There will be two performances, one afternoon matinee for the children beginning at 2 p.m., and lasting until 3 p.m., and the evening program will be at 8 p.m. for two full hours of thrills and entertainment, and the doors will open at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Elementary PTA.

The Elementary PTA of Taneytown is pleased to bring to children and adults of all ages this wonderful afternoon and evening of entertainment. You may obtain your tickets at the door or from any member of the PTA.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders, Silver Spring, and Owen Sanders, Essex, visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sanders. Owen Sanders was accompanied home by his wife who spent a few days with Mrs. Clarence Sanders, whose husband is in the hospital.

## Town To Lose School; Commissioners' Decision

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