

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### The Weekend Weather Forecast

Temperatures will be somewhat below average. Little or no precipitation is expected during the period.

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### Most Anything At A Glance

BY ABIGAIL

With the holy season of Christmas behind us we are preparing to enter into a new year. Our Christmas this year was a happy one, but a trifle on the sad side. This sadness, as you well know, was brought on by the terrible news of the assassination of our beloved President Kennedy, a little over a month ago. We naturally have no way of forecasting what the future holds for us in the coming year but we do know that 1963 was one of the saddest in our lives. It will live on in our memory as the year two great men, Pope John XXIII and President John F. Kennedy, passed on. Also on the dim side of the picture was the news that our public high school would be moved to Thurmont. It was indeed a year that brought sadness to the hearts of many of us. Let's hope and pray for a brighter and more prosperous New Year.

Peeking into next year, 1964, we can look forward to the completion of our new water system, the finishing of the project of installing natural gas here, the completion of some of the new buildings at our two colleges and perhaps, beginning of work on the bypass of the town. In addition to this it is highly possible that a large building project will commence here. Yes, 1964 promises to be a fruitful year for the old town, and all of us. And in conclusion of this abbreviated column this week, due naturally to the busy holiday schedule, we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!

**MRS. RAYMOND PITTINGER**  
Mrs. Ella Eliza Pittinger, 71, of Taneytown, wife of Raymond T. Pittinger, died Saturday afternoon at the Warner Hospital, Gettysburg. She was a daughter of the late Edward and Catherine (Bowers) Forney, and was a member of the Piney Creek Brethren Church, near Taneytown. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses of Westminster.

Surviving besides her husband are these children: Harry Pittinger, Westminster; George, Taneytown; Mrs. Carroll Olinger, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Harry Brenger, Lenver; Mrs. Carl Thomas, Keymar, and Norman, at home. There is one brother, David Forney, of Taneytown, also surviving. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the C. O. Fuss and Son Funeral Home, Taneytown with the Rev. Warren Eshbach, Piney Creek Brethren Church pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

### Garden Club Enjoys Luncheon

The December meeting of the Silver Fancy Garden Club took the form of a very delightful luncheon held at The Peace Light Inn, Gettysburg, on Thursday. Gifts were exchanged. Mrs. G. W. Green was chairman of the Christmas luncheon committee with Mrs. John White and Mrs. Vernon E. Keilholz assisting. There were 14 members present. Mrs. Andrew Eyster, president of the club, spoke briefly and extended greetings to members of the club. The club will recess until the March meeting which will be held on the third Thursday at the home of Mrs. Claude White in Littlestown, Pa.

### Hospital Report

**Admitted**  
Miss Jane L. Stahley, Emmitsburg.  
Mrs. Roy H. Little, Emmitsburg.  
Alan J. Gelwicks, Emmitsburg.  
**Discharged**  
Tina M. Bock, Emmitsburg, R1.  
Miss Carla D. Long, Emmitsburg.  
**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Edward Reaver, Taneytown R1, son, last Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaffer, Thurmont R2, son, last Thursday.

### Two Residents Die During Past Week

Eugene Robert Kraemer, World War II veteran, died suddenly Thursday, Dec. 19 in the Chambersburg Hospital after suffering a heart attack at approximately 10 a.m. that morning. Kraemer was 53 years old and was an employee of the Letterkenny Ordnance Depot. He was removed from the Depot and taken to the hospital by ambulance where he died that night.

A native of Doylestown, Pa., he was a son of the late Eugene Frank and Charlotte (Mullen) Kraemer. He served in the Army, principally overseas in the European Theater of Operations during World War II after being inducted April 6, 1943. He was discharged Dec. 13, 1945. He later was a member of the Maryland National Guard and was an employee at Fort Ritchie before going to Letterkenny.

Surviving is his widow, the former Mary Valerie Little.

The deceased was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, of the Holy Name Society of the church, and the Vigilant Hose Company of Emmitsburg.

Funeral services were held Monday morning with a Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. with the pastor, Rev. Louis Storms, the celebrant. Pallbearers were: Ronald John and Richard Little, LeRoy Wierman, Jr., Robert Mullen and John J. Hollinger. Military gravesite rites were held by the Francis X. Elder Post 121, American Legion. Interment was made in the church cemetery. Wilson Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

### Well-Known Farmer Succumbs

George Jacob Martin, well-known farmer, died Christmas Eve at the Polyclinic Hospital in Harriburg, after a lingering illness. Mr. Martin, who operated a farm on Route 2, was 55 years of age and was a son of the late David Nevin and Phoebe (Eigenbrode) Martin.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Margaret (Saylor) Martin, four children at home, Susan E., Edith L., James D., and John R. Martin.

Seven brothers and sisters, Mrs. Naomi Waynant of Sabillasville; D. Roland Martin of Bryan, Ill.; Sterling and Donald Martin, of Waynesboro; Homer Martin, of Baltimore; Mrs. Helen Hildenbrand of Bel Air, and Mrs. Esther DiGiacinto, of Baltimore, also survive.

He was a lifelong member of Incarnation United Church of Christ, a member of the church consistory since 1931. He was treasurer of the church and had served as the secretary of the church from 1942 until November of 1963; a charter member of the Emmitsburg Grange, serving as treasurer; a past master of the Frederick County Farm Bureau; a member of the Emmitsburg Farm Bureau Planning Group; a member of the Frederick County School Board of nine years, and was a member of the State of Maryland ASC Committee, serving as its chairman for two years. He was also an active member of the Emmitsburg High School Parent-Teachers Association.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Incarnation United Church of Christ. Rev. John C. Chatlos will conduct the services.

Interment will be made in the Mountainview Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Friends may call at the Wilson Funeral Home in Emmitsburg after 7 p.m. today (Friday) and at the church from noon until the time of the services. The family requests donations be made to the building fund of Incarnation church.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bobanic and family, Aliquippa, Pa., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Warthen, Frederick, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Warthen, W. Main St.

### Large Turnout For Kiddies' Christmas Party

An estimated 700 children participated in the 34th annual Kiddies Party sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club and participating merchants and individuals, despite frigid weather.

Charles F. Stouter, general chairman, stated that over 700 boxes of candy and oranges were distributed. So cold was the weather that Band members had difficulty playing their instruments. The Band, directed by Walter A. Simpson, led the parade from the Doughboy in West End to the Fire Hall where the distribution of the candy took place. Prior to the distribution of candy and oranges the kiddies were treated to a free movie at the M-G Theater and were served hot dogs, cheese sandwiches and hot cocoa in the Fire Hall. The Lions Club wishes to thank Mr. Simpson and the Band members, the Town Council, merchants and all others who helped make the affair an outstanding success.

### County Real Estate Tax Is Discussed

The estimated income from a proposed real estate transfer tax on deeds now being considered by the County Commissioners among other new forms of taxation has been calculated for a full fiscal year period.

In the period from July 1, 1962 through June 30, 1963, similar to a fiscal year period, the value of unimproved land transferred was \$2,115,749 while improved land in the amount of \$14,237,951.41 was transferred.

Of this total amount of \$16,353,700.41 in land transfers over a fiscal year period, \$6,667,780.34 was in improved land valued at over \$10,000 and \$3,212,348.63 was in improved land valued at over \$20,000.

Therefore, a one per cent real estate transfer tax on all property deeds for improved and unimproved land with no exemptions, would have netted the county \$163,537 during the fiscal year period ending on June 30 this year.

A one per cent deed tax on all unimproved land transferred only would net \$21,157.50 and if this were combined with a one-fourth of one per cent transfer tax on all improved property, transferred without exemptions, it would provide another \$35,591.88 in county revenue for a combined real estate transfer tax under this method of \$56,752.38.

A property transfer tax of one percent on unimproved land transferred and one per cent on all improved property transferred over \$10,000 in value only would result in \$21,157.50 from unimproved land transfers and \$66,677.30 from improved land transfers, with the \$10,000 exemption, for a total of \$87,835.30 in county revenues.

A land transfer tax of one per cent on all unimproved land transferred and one per cent on all improved land sold over \$20,000 in value would result in \$21,157.50 from the unimproved land transfers and \$32,123.48 in taxes on leads over a \$20,000 exemption, leaving \$53,280.98 for the county coffers.

Local attorneys have objected that the real estate transfer tax or deed tax is only another form of taxation on land owners, defeating the purpose of finding a new tax form, to take the tax load off a real estate owner.

Proponents of the tax claim it is one of the most simple to administer locally, since the amount of improved and unimproved land transfers can easily be obtained at any time from the Clerk of the Court's office or the County Treasurer's Office. All of these deeds must be recorded and have state revenue tax stamps attached at the Courthouse.

### Betrothed



Mr. and Mrs. Regis J. Miller, Route 3, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Ann, to Frederick Vincent Knox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick V. Knox, Sr., Blue Ridge Summit.

Miss Miller was graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1962 and is now attending Hagerstown Junior College.

Mr. Knox was graduated from the same school in 1960 and is now a student at the University of Scranton, Class of 1964. A summer wedding is planned.

### Oyster Feast Saturday Night

An Oyster Feast will be sponsored by Brute Council 1860, Knights of Columbus, Saturday, Dec. 28, starting at 3 p.m. in the Council Home.

Grand Knight Lumen F. Norris announces members are invited to bring along guests. Admission to the feast is \$1.50 per person. Curtis D. Topper is general chairman of the affair.

### LOCAL MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN WRECK

Donald Flax, Gaithersburg, son of Commissioner and Mrs. J. Norman Flax, Emmitsburg, suffered lacerations of the face and head, bruises of the body and two broken legs Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when his car left the road near Gaithersburg and struck a bulldozer which was parked by the side of the road. He was alone at the time of the accident.

The bulldozer is owned by a contractor engaged in installing a sewer line. Flax was unable Sunday to explain the circumstances of the accident. He was admitted to a hospital in the Rockville area. The automobile he was driving was demolished.

### Alumni Edges EHS Liners

The Alumni, with 14 men scoring, defeated Emmitsburg High School Friday, 61-57, and ended the longest winning streak in the county.

The Liners, who had won four straight, had the services of only six men. The Alumni, holding a slim 33-32 margin at halftime, upped the margin one point in the third quarter to lead 45-43.

In the final period, the Liners climbed to a three point lead with three minutes remaining in the game. The Alumni, using their extreme height to good advantage, then scored seven straight points to stop the Emmitsburg win streak.

High men once again for the Liners were Harry Harner with 13 points and Gene Eyer, who tallied 11.

### Postoffice Receipts Set New Record

During the Christmas period the local post office handled approximately the same number of letters as last year, according to Postmaster L. H. Stoner. The peak was reached on December 18 when about 12,000 letters were dispatched and 15,000 incoming letters were received. The outgoing parcel post was about 7% higher than last year.

The gross receipts will total about \$50,500, the highest in the history of the local office, and is approximately 16% higher than last year.

### CORL—WYAND

Miss Diana Lee Wyand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Wyand, Hagerstown, and Lewis Higbee Corl, Sabillasville, son of Rev. Claude H. Corl, Sabillasville, and the late Mrs. Corl, were married Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Saint Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church, Hagerstown. Rev. M. Eugene Fisher, Chambersburg, Pa., assisted by Rev. Corl, the groom's father, officiated.

The double ring ceremony was performed before an altar on which was placed a lighted candelabra and an arrangement of white poinsettias. A large lighted candelabra stood inside the chancel; lighted candles were placed in the windows and Della Robbia spray marked the pews. Rev. John R. Lebo, assistant minister of St. Paul's Ev. United Church, played traditional wedding selections on the organ. Mrs. Quentin L. Earhart, Ruxton, was vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of white moire tulle with a bell shaped skirt, long sleeves and a simple bodiced top. Her over-skirt train was of imported Italian silk satin. She wore a cathedral length mantilla of imported chantilly lace applied on French illusion. Both the gown and the mantilla were made by the bride's mother. The bride carried a bouquet of red poinsettias.

Mrs. Raymond P. Johnson, of Pocomoke City, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor. She wore a floor length gown of lime green velvet with a shell neckline, short sleeves and a straight skirt, slightly flared at the bottom. The skirt was accented with a band of lime green taffeta and the flowing train was attached to the wrist with a flat bow. She wore small holly garlands in her hair and carried a ball of variegated Oregon holly.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Leon R. Scheezy and Mrs. Richard Frantz, both of Hagerstown. They wore gowns and head-pieces styled identically to those worn by the bride attendant. Flower girls were Miss Lynn Falkenstein, of Myersville, and Miss Marsha Ahalt, of Middletown, cousins of the bride. They were gowned in candy pink velvet floor length dresses with empire lines. Small holly garlands were worn in their hair, and they carried small holly balls.

Claude H. Corl Jr., was his brother's best man. Ushers were Arthur D. Gernand, Emmitsburg; E. Eugene Speck, Frederick; Raymond P. Johnson, Pocomoke City; and Jeffrey A. Wyand, of Hagerstown, brother of the bride. A reception immediately following the wedding was held at the Wofen's Club in Hagerstown. A buffet supper was served. Punch was poured by Mrs. J. C. Bond, of Hagerstown, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Russell B. Keener, also of Hagerstown, aunt of the bride. Coffee was served by Mrs. Leslie E. Coblenz, Frederick, and Mrs. George H. Buys, of Hagerstown. Miss Janet L. Soblenz, of Newark, Del., cousin of the bride, assisted with cutting the wedding cake. Assisting at the guest book was Miss Julie K. Johnston, of Hagerstown.

For her wedding trip to an undisclosed destination the bride chose a black wool suit with a sapphire mink collar, black accessories, a small corse hat and a white orchid corsage. Upon their return the couple will reside on Linden avenue in Frederick. The bride is a graduate of Hagerstown High School and the Richard Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary. She has done graduate work at Kutztown State College, Kutztown, Pa., and is presently on the faculty of Elm Street Junior High School, Frederick.

Mr. Corl graduated from Thurmont High School and the University of Maryland. He served a tour of duty in the U. S. Army and also served for a year on the faculty of schools sponsored for children of U. S. Armed Services personnel in Germany. He is now a member of the teaching staff of Elm Street Junior High School, Frederick.

### Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lake of Norristown, Pa., announce the birth of a son on Dec. 22. Mrs. Lake is the former Sue Stinson, daughter of Mrs. O. H. Stinson of Emmitsburg.

### Grangers Enjoy Christmas Party

Eighteen members and guests of the Emmitsburg Grange attended the annual Christmas Party of the group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wivell recently.

The following program was presented: Invocation by Rev. John Chatlos; Carol singing; Moment of silent prayer was given in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy and Howard Quinn, who was an organizer of the Emmitsburg Grange; a card gift game and quiz, and Meditation on the meaning of Christmas.

Master Harry Swomley, Jr., presided during a short business session. Bernard M. Welty was elected treasurer due to the illness of treasurer George J. Martin. Announcement was made of the Frederick County Pomona Grange meeting to be held January 25, 1964, at 10 a.m. at the Walkersville Fire Hall with Glade Valley Grange as host. All members were urged to attend this quarterly affair.

Presentations were exchanged and delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting date was set for February 5 at the Lutheran Parish Hall.

### GI In Hawaii

Army Pvt. Edward F. Althoff, whose wife, Virginia, lives on RFD 2, Thurmont, and other members of the 25th Infantry Division participated in Exercise 'Dusty Trail III,' a live-fire training exercise on the Island of Hawaii. During the month-long maneuver, which ended Dec. 8, tank, artillery missile and infantry units faced simulated combat problems. Althoff is a radio telephone operator in Battery A, 2nd Battalion of the division's 21st Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He entered the Army in April 1963 and completed basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. The 23 year old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Althoff, RFD 1, Emmitsburg attended Emmitsburg High School.

### School System Gets Gov. Boost

The House of Representatives passed last week, and sent to the President for his signature, an Impacted Areas Bill which would provide \$200,000 worth of Federal aid to the Frederick County school system with additional payments twice a year for the next two years.

The two-year program, a compromise between one and three-year programs previously passed in the two Houses of Congress, already has been included in the school system budget for the first six months of 1964.

Approval of the program will permit the balancing of the school and county budgets which would have been short of funds if the Impacted Areas legislation had not been approved. Allen R. Gaddis, III, business administration director of the school system says.

The legislation provides a maximum of \$168.96 per pupil, on an attendance basis, for every Frederick County school child whose parent works in a Government installation, as long as they reside outside the Government installation and live in Frederick County, Mr. Gaddis explained.

### ROCKY RIDGE FIREMEN ELECTION HELD

At a recent meeting of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., an election of officers was held with these results: President, Charles Mumma; vice president, Ernest Staub, Sr.; secretary, Kenneth Mathias, assistant secretary, Robert Mumma; treasurer, John D. Kaas; assistant treasurer, Robert Albaugh; chaplain, Rev. Samuel Weybright; assistant chaplain, Clarence Hahn; fire chief, James Six; first assistant chief, Ralph Baker; second assistant chief, Raymond Etheridge; directors, George Delphy and Charles Brauer.

Those having perfect attendance at the 1963 meetings were Mr. Mathias, Donald Paugh, Mr. Baker, Mr. Delphy, and Mr. Kaas, who has had perfect attendance for 12 years.

### Mount Opens Gettysburg Tourney Tonight

Coach Jim Phelan, seeking his fourth straight Mason-Dixon cage crown, has been pleasantly surprised by the early play of his green Mount St. Mary's club. Off to a 5-2 start, including a 78-71 win over tough Catholic U on the loser's court, the Mountaineers keep winning despite erratic performances as Phelan goes up and down his bench substituting with the wizardry of a magician. Except for one horrible drop spot in the American U. game the Mounties could just as easily be 6-1 with only a 62-73 loss to St. Joseph in the Palestra to mar the record.

Big gun in the Mount attack has been senior Mike Costello. The 6' backcourter has dumped in 120 points in seven games for a gaudy 17.1 average and played well as the team's floor general. With 6'6" Jaek Campbell, a doublefigure scorer and the team's rebounder out indefinitely with a bad ankle burly Lou Martine, a 6'3" Junior, has moved into a starting role. Martine has been slamming the boards and shooting at an 8.5 mark to help the attack.

Ed Folk, 6'5" Junior, has played well at the other starting forward post although Phelan wants more aggressiveness out of the big Pennsylvania. Freshman Ed Sarmir, a 6'3" leaper who moved into the center spot, has been impressive. A good shooter with a 6.8 mark, Sarmir has a 55 per cent floor mark and Phelan wants him to shoot oftener. The slim youngster has done a fine job on the boards and should get better with each outing.

John Carrell, a 6'3" Soph who had a starting role as a Freshman last season, has alternated with Martine at forward. Like most of the Countie cast, Carrell is carrying an 8.7 average but should get hotter if he wants to win a clear shot at a starting berth.

In back court Phelan has had good play from six-footers Mike Johnston and Bernie Haag. Both are Sophs but both are being pushed by Freshman Mike Lyons, a quick, strong contender with an eight-point average.

Dave Spewak, the squad's best jumper, had a big role in the Mountaineers' 18 - point win over Roanoke and should make things interesting at the center spot.

Hardly anyone expected the Mountaineers to move into tourney time at Gettysburg with a 5-2 record, particularly after Campbell's injury. The young team makes a lot of mistakes, but then comes storming back with aggressive play. With highly touted Freshman star Pete Johnson ready for action, the fight for jobs could improve team play as the season continues.

Lacking the really outstanding shooter which has always been a Mount trademark, Phelan has shifted to a tight defense. The squad has been learning slowly, but they whipped a highly-favored veteran Catholic U. team with rugged dogging all night long. The Cardinals lost their poise, the ball and the game. The Mountaineers came away excited with the results of plying defense and have been tough ever since.

Phelan's crew have their work cut out for them in the Battle-deld tourney scheduled for tonight and Saturday night at the Gettysburg field house, opening the holiday play against tough Westminster, one of the nation's small college powerhouses Friday at 7:30 p.m. Gettysburg and American U. meet in the second game of the doubleheader with winners and losers playing each other the final evening.

### Religious Council Established

Rev. Hugh J. Phillips, college chaplain at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., has announced the formation of a Religious Cooperative Council on the college campus. The purpose of the R.C.C. is to create an environment to develop and stimulate religious activities and to coordinate the various organizations responsible for such activities on the campus.

