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Most Anything At A Glance

- By Abigail -

I see where the Citizens Committee to help with the planning for the new elementary school is asking for comments by townspeople in general. This looks like a very good chance for everyone in town to get involved in a most worthwhile project. Just think, by the fall of 1973 we may have a new building which will replace the almost 50 year old structure.

The big question right now seems to be whether the town wants to locate various community activities at the school. This sounds like a good idea because we as taxpayers should be anxious to get as much use of the buildings as possible rather than have them sit idle in all the off school hours. When needed activities like the Library and Health Department are in so much need of new facilities, it seems natural to work them in with the new public school if it can be done without limitations on any of the school activities, or otherwise.

Combined usage should provide savings in operating expense if not in original construction cost, and probably create a facility which can provide greater overall service to the community rather than several separate facilities each with their own activity. When the facilities are combined, it is possible several areas could be used for more than one function, which means that it will be busy more than eight hours per day and the taxpayers will be getting more for their dollar.

I hear that the planning people at the state and county level support the combined use plan and are anxious to see it work. This means a lot of the problems can be overcome as they crop up, assuming that it is decided to go ahead with this approach. I think that local citizens need a little more information before they can voice an opinion on the project. It's the job of the citizens committee to get that to us, or our job to dig it out by talking to them. However, once we have a pretty good idea of the advantages and disadvantages of the combined use plan it's our job to let the committee know how we feel about the idea. I'm sure they want to do what is best for the town. They can figure that out only by knowing what we want.

I am looking forward to the Emmitsburg and Thurmont Community Show coming up this weekend. Friday evening they are going to honor all the former FAA Sweethearts and Community Show Queens. It's going to be nice seeing all those pretty girls again, I am glad they get together once a year. Then too, we have the 1971 Sweethearts to look forward to. Saturday looks like a full day of exhibits, contests and concerts. This show should be the best ever and everyone in town has a chance to get some wonderful entertainment.

I hear the town council is going ahead with improvements to the broken curbs in town and then the townspeople will be expected to fix their sidewalks. Won't it be great to be able to walk anywhere you want to without stumbling over broken concrete. Some people could help right now by killing the grass growing in their sidewalks. Many of the weeds were killed out this summer, but it looks like recent rains have got them growing again.

I have seen a couple of discarded refrigerators around town with the doors still on them. These are a sure-fire accident looking for a time to happen. Many children have been suffocated in discarded boxes when playing in them. Let's use a little extra caution and be sure that we don't have a tragedy in our town. Maybe the doors could be taken off or sealed up so they would not open.

BOE Lists School Educational Plan

The text of the Frederick County Board of Education Educational Plan for the Emmitsburg Elementary School follows:

I. Educational Philosophy
We believe in the worth and dignity of the individual and that it is the responsibility of educators to help each individual reach his maximum development according to his interests, needs, and abilities; to enable him to become an active and contributing member of our society.

We believe the school is responsible for providing experiences which will promote further mental, emotional, and social growth; for fostering positive attitudes toward health; for helping the student obtain an appreciation of our cultural heritage; and for challenging and encouraging students to contribute their explorations in areas of special interest.

We believe it is the task of educators to guide students through realistic educational experiences that are accepted and valued by the community in which the school serves.

We believe education is a continuing process throughout the life span of people and that adults have educational needs that should be fulfilled through public education.

We further believe that school facilities should be available for other community uses, provided that such uses do not interfere with the school program for youngsters, and are paid for by the users.

Quoted from: Middletown Valley School Campus Development Committee

II. Needs at Emmitsburg
The present elementary school in Emmitsburg is old and in very poor condition. The portion to be replaced is 48 years old. The building is totally inappropriate for modern instructional programs with inadequate self-contained classrooms that limit group size, make team teaching difficult and discourage innovation. The present library is the size of a classroom and completely inadequate to meet the needs of K-8 students.

An effective elementary and middle school program requires adaptable space to permit large and small group instruction as well as provision for independent study. The instructional materials center is essential to the implementation of an individualized program.

The new building will replace the older part of the present building and should include open space equivalent to twelve classrooms; a kindergarten area; spaces for industrial arts, home economics, arts and crafts; teacher planning area and the usual administrative support spaces. It will house 445 students, K-8.

III. School Organization

- Unit a. K-8
- Vertical a. Non-graded or some form of continuous progress
- Horizontal a. Cooperative teaching with flexible grouping

IV. School Program
Any building should be designed to accommodate what goes on within it. Schools are no exception; the educational program should dictate the design of the facility.

With rapidly increasing knowledge in the areas of school organization, curriculum, teaching methods, communications technology and learning theory, it is unlikely that today's program will meet tomorrow's needs.

Buildings must be designed to accommodate any instructional pattern or technological system so that teachers, students and administrators are able to create an ever-changing and constantly improving environment for learning.

Students must have the opportunity to learn different things in different ways and at a rate appropriate to the individual. Experiences for an individual may take place in very large groups, in groups of conventional class size (25-30), in seminar size groups, in very small groups or individually. Some activities will be pursued with the

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Variety Of Courses To Start Monday

Adult Education in Emmitsburg is at the crossroads.

The Emmitsburg Lifelong Learning Council has arranged for a Fall Program of six courses which will be offered locally beginning the week of September 20. A suitable location has been found for each class and teachers have been assigned. The big question now is whether students will show up on the first night of class to register and commence learning.

A full listing of courses and necessary information will be found boxed elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle.

The courses being offered by the Frederick County Board of Education at the request of the Emmitsburg Lifelong Learning Council which, last spring, made a survey of community interests. An enrollment of at least ten students is desirable for each class. The fee for Sewing, Typing, Ceramics and Woodworking is \$8 per eight or twelve week course. Cost of materials must also be borne by the student. There is no cost for either instruction or materials in the Adult Basic Education class. A fee of \$3 is required for enrollment in High School Equivalency.

For years, there have been complaints in Emmitsburg that Northern Frederick County is short-changed on many tax-supported activities. Now opportunity is knocking at local doors. The LLLC hopes that enrollment in the current course offerings will prove that citizens of this area are looking for a chance to do more than just complain.

Several persons have mentioned their reluctance to enroll in a course because they would have to state their income. Not so. The Board of Education asks only for each student's name, address and phone number — information that will permit notification if a scheduled class must be cancelled.

Successful enrollments in the current classes will lead to an expanded list of offerings in the future. Mr. James Hess, supervisor of the Adult Education Program in Frederick County, points out that a course can be given on almost any subject from fishing to antiques to money management if a group of ten or more interested persons request it. Short course, which run for only three or four weeks, are also a possibility.

18 Year Old Voters Are Topic Of Letter

Eighteen-year-old voters are the subject of a letter mailed this week from the state school superintendent James A. Sensenbaugh to the states' 24 school superintendents.

The agency head points out that the Constitutional amendment enfranchising young people between 18 and 21 gives schools a chance to capitalize on fresh student enthusiasm for newly won voting rights. Sensenbaugh sees a "fresh opportunity to reach the consciousness of the youthful voting community with our deeply rooted national commitment to the voting franchise as a meaningful way to make democracy work."

Specific suggestions of the state superintendent included establishing student civic action groups, revamping student government to provide more instructive experiences to students, and revitalizing citizens education courses to make them more practically applicable to students' needs.

GRADUATES

Marine Pfc. Donald J. Baadte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. Baadte of Route 4, Gettysburg, Pa., was graduated from Class A Aviation Electrician's Mate School recently at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Fla.

During the 22-week course he was trained in the repair of aircraft electrical systems, instruments and overall maintenance.

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Queen Candidates For Emmitsburg-Thurmont Show



Shown above are the candidates for FFA Chapter Sweetheart and Community Show Queen, to be selected this Friday evening at the Emmitsburg and Thurmont Community Show to be held at Catoctin High School.

Shown, left to right, seated: Nancy Fink (reigning Chapter Sweetheart), Patty Keilholtz, Anne Umbel, Nancy Fisher. Standing: Gloria Rollins, Karen Toms, Susie Weimer, Debbie Wolfe, Pam Callmer and Darlene Kinna.

On Saturday, the show will open at 1:00 p.m., with a pet show, bike rodeo, pie eating and greased pig contests. At 3 p.m., the Thurmont Grange will serve a Roast Turkey Supper, family style. Adults \$2, children 6-12 years \$1, and under 6 years 50c. At 5:30 p.m. Exhibits may be entered this evening (Thursday) from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday morning from 8 to 11:30. Judging will take place Friday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. The show will open to the public Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and close at 11 p.m. An organ prelude at 7:30 p.m., will feature Jack Wanz and Alban Little. At 8 p.m., a variety

Horace Beale, Exchange Youth, Cited By Terra Rubra Lions President Groshon



Jimmy Groshon, President of the Terra Rubra Lions Club of Keysville, Md., welcomes Pierre LeComte, a Lions Exchange Youth from Diesse, Switzerland, sent by the Lions Club of La Neuveville, Switzerland. On the extreme right is Horace Beale, Emmitsburg R2, who was sent to Switzerland with the Terra Rubra Lions to live with the LeComte family for a month, and who brought Pierre back with him to stay a month in Maryland.

The Terra Rubra Lions Club of Keysville, Md., has extended the hand of friendship overseas by taking part in an International Lions Youth Exchange Program. The Terra Rubra Lions exchanged youths with the Lions Club of La Neuveville, Switzerland. Horace Beale, a Leo Club member of Terra Rubra, was sent to spend a month with the family of Monsieur Rene LeComte of Diesse, Switzerland. When Horace returned to the United States, he brought with him, Pierre LeComte, a son of the LeComtes, who will be staying in Maryland at the farm home of Paul Beale of Emmitsburg.

While in Switzerland, Horace Beale helped the LeComtes with the work on their dairy farm which lies in a small valley between the majestic ranges of the high snow-covered Alps mountains. Since no one in the area could speak English (everyone spoke German or French) Horace's high school French came in handy but had to be improved upon before he could carry on a conversation in French with the local inhabitants. Pierre LeComte has not had any studies in speaking English so that the day he arrived he could not understand a word. He has depended upon Horace and nuns and students of St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg to help with his communication needs. Sister Margaret Flint, Karen Warthen and Denise Smith have been among those who have been able to communicate in French with Pierre. Pierre has been helping with work on the Beale farm and has been taken around the countryside to observe the customs of our country which he finds quite different from those of Switzerland.

While in Switzerland, Horace spoke to the La Neuveville Lions, telling about the customs in America and answering their many questions. He was also taken around various areas of Switzerland. Pierre has spoken to the Terra Rubra, using Horace as an interpreter and answering our local Lions' many questions about Switzerland. Horace has over a hundred slides he took while in Switzerland which he will show to the Terra Rubra Lions at their next meeting. Some of these slides show the breath-taking beauty of the unbelievably high snow-capped Alps mountains, the efficiently farmed fields and views of the industrious local Swiss carrying on their daily chores such as milking cows and making hay.

Among the places Pierre has been or will be shown are local dairy farms in both Maryland and Pennsylvania, Castle Farms Dairy, Mason and Dixon Dairy, Eastalco Aluminum plant, the York and Frederick Fairs, Norman Shriver's butcher shop, the local colleges, Washington, D. C., including the museums showing the Apollo moon ships; a day with the French classes of Catoctin High School, Francis Scott Key High School and Fairfield, Pa., High School; a baseball game, a football game and visits to several local homes and churches.

On the trip over, Horace flew in a 707 Pan American jet from Washington to Paris, and then in a Swissair jet to Geneva, Switzerland, where he was met by a Lions Club member. On the return trip the two boys flew in a giant 747 Swissair jet from Zurich, Switzerland, directly to New York and thence to Washington, D. C. The two Lions Clubs bore most of the expenses.

there will be a concert by the Thurmont Middle School Band, and at 8 p.m. a concert by the Catoctin High School Band. The show will close at 10 p.m. Antiques will be on sale during the two-day show. Door prizes will be awarded nightly, and no admission will be charged but a silver offering will be received.

The Show is sponsored by the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Granges and Catoctin FFA, and the Maryland State Fair Board.

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PTA To Meet Wednesday

The Emmitsburg School PTA is holding a meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 22, at the school. All parents are invited to attend.

The program will be entitled, "Open For Learning". It will be a panel presentation and Joseph Ozag, Supervisor of Elementary Social Studies, as moderator. Three elementary principals who have had experience with open space schools, will discuss the advantages of this type of construction. The principals who will participate are Roy Clever, Principal of Waverly Elementary; Kyle Pritts, Principal of Valley Elementary; and Thomas Shade, Principal of Green Valley Elementary.

The panel presentation will be helpful in understanding the type of construction for our future school.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27. At this time the new elementary report cards will be explained. There will be no meeting in November, but the parent and teacher conference will be held.

Football Opens For Area Midget Teams

The Mountain Valley Midget Football League opened its initial season last Saturday as pint sized pigskin players were in action at three different locations.

At Brunswick, crosstown rivals, Redskins and Chiefs, hooked up in a real Indian battle as the 'Skins edged their counterparts 8-0. At Thurmont, the hometown Colts slugged the visiting Middletown Midget Knights 18-0. The two military installations in the conference spent a rainy Saturday morning on the Fort Detrick parade field as the visiting Fort Ritchie Mountaineers raced to a 20-0 triumph.

Next week's grid attractions in the MVMFL will feature a battle of unbeaten at 10 a.m. at Fort Ritchie as the Thurmont "11" visits. Another morning game finds the Brunswick "Redskins" at Middletown while at 7 p.m. next Saturday Fort Detrick will call on the Brunswick "Chiefs."

Mountain Division

Brunswick Redskins1 0
Fort Ritchie1 0
Fort Detrick0 1
Valley Division

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Thurmont1 0
Brunswick Chiefs0 1
Middletown0 1

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Seaman Graduates

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Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Garrett of Cocksleyville, Md., announce the birth of a daughter, Heather Ann, on August 31. Mrs. Garrett is the former Kathleen Etheridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Etheridge of R1, Emmitsburg.

Scouts Program To Interest New Boys

"School Night for Scouting" has been set up in the county to interest boys of scouting age to come in and find out what's happening. The schools will be open to scouts and their families on September 23 at 7:30 p.m. The participating school in Emmitsburg will be the Emmitsburg Public School.

Boys from ages 8-14 are eligible for scouting and parents of these boys are encouraged to bring them to the school. A brief program will be held during the evening at which time a question and answer period regarding scouting will be held.

One of the best ways of getting into the troop is knowing another scout and learning through him. On the day of the 23rd scouts will wear their uniforms and hopefully will be contacted by interested boys so they may be brought to the program and possibly even join the troop.

A registration fee of \$1.00 is required of new members. Anyone wishing to join that evening should have the required fee with him.

Parents are likewise needed for the scouting committees, especially mothers who can join "Mothers in Scouting". This organization helps finance activities of the scouts throughout the year.

That same evening the Scout House, adjacent to the community ball field, which has recently been renovated, will be open to all prospective members for inspection.

A large turnout is anticipated.

Citizens Committee Council Discusses Sidewalk Repairs

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The minutes of the August regular meeting and the two special meetings were read and approved.

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The police report for August was read by Chairman Rosensteel.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

SP/5 Ohler Leaves For Vietnam Duty



SP/5 Ralph C. Ohler, Jr., spent a 38-day leave with his parents and family during July and August, before leaving for a year's Army duty in Vietnam.

Ralph had been stationed in Germany for 18 months. While stationed at Bad Abling, he was promoted to SP/5 and awarded the "Army Security Agency-Europe Certificate of Achievement," by the Post Commander, Lt. C. Crowell, for the excellent work he had performed.

He flew from Dulles Airport to Oakland, Calif., and went by the way of Alaska, and Japan, to Saigon. His address is 8th RRFS, Phu Bai, APO San Francisco, California 96308.

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