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Weekly Thought  
We need more peacemaking than power seeking.

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## Most Anything At A Glance

- By Abigail -

Well, folks, it's been an interesting week around here. I understand that the voter turnout in town here, may have set an all time record. Congratulations to all of you who went out and voted, whether it was your candidate who won or not.

Speaking of winning—seems there are a couple of fellows here in town who made a bet on the election outcome. As I understand it, the loser is going to push the winner one time around the Center Square in the oldest, hardest pushing, wheelbarrow that the winner can lay his hands on. The bet is supposed to be paid off at "High Noon" this Saturday. Now that should be some sight, think I'll just wander down that way come Saturday and take a look for myself.

The Town Fathers had their monthly meeting the other night. I heard that a grand total of seven people attended part of the meeting, plus the two reporters (one of whom was late, tsk, tsk). Looks like the community is starting to wake up a little with the cold weather and moving around a bit.

Came across a kind of oddity—had a groundbreaking ceremony here in town. Now, I always thought that a "groundbreaking ceremony" was a grand event where the very first shovel full of earth was dug up and everything proceeded from there. Not so. Seems it is kind of usual for construction to start, and then have the "ceremony" at some convenient time. "Course I really don't see where a cold, rainy day is so convenient, however, there's no accounting for some people's tastes.

One of the things brought up at the Commissioners meeting was the fact that a shot had been fired into an occupied building here in town. Now, breaking a window is one thing, destroying street signs and such another, but this would appear to me to be going a bit too far. If this was someone's idea of a prank, they have a sick sense of humor. If it was an accident, they are too negligent to be allowed to walk around with a gun. This is the kind of goings-on that can give a community a real bad name in a hurry.

I read where \$400 million dollars has been spent during the presidential campaign; and both of the major candidates were at the same time expressing their concern over the poor and jobless. Doesn't make sense to me. Lot of things, though, about the way we hold elections seem a little screwy. In spite of that, the only government such as ours to last longer than ours is the British, and they've been known to suspend elections during time of war, which we have never done. So, with all its big and little flaws, it would appear that our form of government is still the best one devised by man, and we can look forward to another battle come 1976.

### NOTICE!

Effective immediately, only police cars will be authorized to park at the first meter on Main Street in front of the Knights of Columbus Building during the hours 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Public parking will be permitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. only. A sign has been posted at the meter carrying this information.

HENRY FILLER  
Chief of Police

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 11—Senior Citizens Bazaar, starting at 10 a.m.

### NOTICE!

No letter will be published unless this office has a signed copy of the original on file. Names will be withheld from paper upon request of writer. All letters must be received on or before Tuesday to be considered for the current issue.

## Marine Graduates



Marine Pvt. Russell D. Miller, Jr., husband of the former Miss Wilma L. Strassbaugh of Route 1, Fairfield, Pa., graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

## New Assignments For Two Area Men

Master Sergeant William C. Mackenzie, Jr., recently returned from a thirteen month tour of duty with the Air Force Advisory Forces in Korea, and has reported to his new assignment at England Air Force Base, Louisiana. Sgt. Mackenzie, son-in-law of Paul Glass, near Emmitsburg, with 19½ years in the Air Force, was accompanied to Louisiana by his son, Billy, who flew back to Washington a week late by commercial airliner.

Pfc. Paul Mackenzie, USMC, the oldest son of Sgt. Mackenzie, has also reported to his new assignment at El Toro Marine Base in California. Paul, a January enlistee of the Marine Corps, graduated on November 3 from Air Crew Equipmentman Survival School at Lakehurst Naval Air Station, New Jersey.

## Former Resident Donates To VHC

The following letter, received by James Kittinger, may be of some interest to Emmitsburg residents. The Vigilant Hose Company is happy to add Mr. Crumlish's name to their list of donors. Dear Mr. Kittinger: As a former resident of Emmitsburg, and as a typical example of the saying "You can take a boy out of the country—but you can't take the country out of a boy," enclosed find a modest check for your current fund drive.

The group which has served my old home town known as the Vigilant Hose Company—deserves all the support one can give it, and I would suggest that "The Chronicle" in its articles should repeat, repeat, repeat, in each article, each progress report, your address. You'll note I'm sending c/ Geo Rosensteel, who knows who I am. I live in Baltimore (Catonville). My home was on old Rt. 15 out near MSM where my father (who was killed 34 years ago last night) taught Latin.

I still have a sister at St. Joseph's Provincial House by the name of Sr. John Mary. At 60 years of age my friends in Emmitsburg grow fewer by the year, but what you at the Vigilant Hose Co., will go on and may it do so to all of your members' credit.

Most sincerely yours,  
"JACK" CRUMLISH

## Hospital Report

Admitted  
Mrs. Dorothy Reifsnider, of Fairfield.  
William Faulkner, Emmitsburg R2.  
Mrs. Roy Willard, Rocky Ridge.  
Mrs. Esther Kemper, Fairfield R2.  
Mrs. Esther Gillelan, Emmitsburg.  
Stanley McClain, Fairfield, R1.  
Discharged  
David Sanders, Sr., Emmitsburg R2.  
Mrs. Francis Fair and infant son, Fairfield R2.  
Mrs. David Wantz Jr. and infant son, Emmitsburg R1.  
Mrs. John Stonesifer and infant son, Emmitsburg.  
Miss Adele Wivell, Emmitsburg.  
Theodore Topper, Emmitsburg R2.

## Letter To The Editor

Editor, Emmitsburg Chronicle:

I would like to make the following comments in regard to the letter in last week's paper from Eric Glass, concerning the school which we should have gotten up ten years ago. I think the School Board and the County in general, have played Emmitsburg citizens for fools long enough. It seems it wouldn't make any difference how many people from this town went to meetings of this sort, it would still fall on deaf ears.

It would appear that every other community around gets what they want when they want it and Emmitsburg gets the leavings and the leavings don't seem to be very much for this town. I'd like any citizen to name one thing that the County or the School Board has done for this town. It seems as though other communities get what they want from the County and the School Board without going through a lot of meetings and begging. The County and the School Board are going to do what they dang well please when they're dang well ready.

Middletown and Walkersville each are going to get new Middle Schools according to last week's Frederick paper. Each is also supposed to get a new High School and they have each just gotten new High Schools not long ago. Middletown has a population of 1262, according to the 1970 census, Walkersville's is 1269, both of them less than ours. They both have good Middle Schools now, they both have good High Schools now—we have a Middle School that's ready to fall down, to put it mildly, and NO High School. If the School Board would not have taken our boundaries from us in the past, our school would have been over-crowded when they built Catoctin.

You would think that the School Board and County would recognize the fact that we are the second largest election district in the County; and the county runs all the way to the Pennsylvania line, it does not stop at Thurmont. The only time they know that we are here is tax collection time and when they want our votes.

Maybe if the people of this town would refuse to send their kids other places to school and also refuse to send them to our dilapidated Middle School, there might be a slight chance that the County and School Board might recognize our needs—for once.

As to Mr. Glass' reference to no one being at the meeting from the Town Office, we have other commitments that we are taking our own free time to do without much pay and more than often without thanks. We know what we can do as town officials, but we don't know what the School Board is going to do regardless of how many times we meet with them.

Also, Mr. Glass is absolutely right in writing his letter to the Chronicle; I wish we had more interested citizens like him.

Again, I repeat, we have a dilapidated Middle School, no High School, fouled up mailing addresses, and state-owned streets that are terrible. So let's wake up Emmitsburg, and tell some of these present characters that we have in the County and on the School Board, and let them know that we mean business. We are tired of getting the run around.

E. EUGENE MYERS  
Town Commissioner

## Catoctin PTSA To Meet Monday

The next meeting of the Catoctin High School PTSA will be held Monday night, November 13, at 8 p.m. in the school.

The program for the evening will be a presentation and explanation of the Math Program as taught at the school, and will be presented by Mrs. Weigley, supervisor of Math for Frederick County, and by Mr. Lambdin, Math Instructor at the school. The membership drive for the PTSA is still on, and with 53 members presently signed up, all parents and students are urged to attend this meeting.

Only the local newspaper sounds the community heartbeat.

## Seton Center Opens Doors To Celebrate 3rd Anniversary



Young Kevin Damuth leads his classmates in a "Lollipop Game" during activities at Seton Center.

Seton Center in Emmitsburg held Open House on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, to celebrate its third anniversary. More than 200 visitors toured the brightly appointed classrooms, saw a continuous slide presentation of Center activities and enjoyed refreshments.

In November 1969 there were 23 day care children under Seton Center's sheltering roof. Now there 83, ages 2-6, in the full-day program and 43 older children come for before and after school care.

In addition, the Frederick County Community Action Agency last month located a full-time Head Start Program in one of the Center's well-equipped classrooms. This program is funded by HEW and will provide a teacher, an aide, lunch, transportation, medical care and all types of stimulating experiences for 20 area children.

Seton Center estimates that 72 families are served through its programs for children. Of this number, 12 families would probably be on welfare if the mother were unable to go out to earn. Twenty-five families are served in cooperation with the county public health department.

Adult education courses are held at the Center. Basic education leading to a high school equivalency certificate is taught each semester and hobby and skill courses such as Home Nursing, Knitting, Bookkeeping and Physical Fitness, have also been given. The Adult education program is sponsored by the Emmitsburg Life-

long Learning Council in partnership with the Frederick County Board of Education.

Among its many programs, Seton Center stresses the need for family involvement. Movies, picnics, sing-alongs and demonstrations draw families to the Center where they may also receive counseling and referral services.

In conjunction with its third anniversary, Seton Center has published a two-fold brochure giving an overview of its activities. The cover picture was done by Paul J. Waddy from a photograph of a Seton Center day care child. The publication was authorized and edited by the Seton Center Advisory Board and will be distributed throughout the year as informational literature.

Finances at Seton Center have always been colored red, with the yearly deficit met by the Daughters of Charity at Emmitsburg who also provide the building and the administrative staff for the center.

Parents pay for day care on a sliding scale according to their means. In addition, public monies help with food costs, trainee salaries and purchase-of-care for eligible children. At present the salaries for two teacher aides and two members of the housekeeping staff are paid by the Frederick Community Action Agency.

Seton Center is a member agency of United Givers Fund and has also received donations from the Bishops Campaign for Human Development. Sister Mary Magdalen, Admin-

istrator of the Center, will appear on TV at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12, in an interview describing the use of the CHD grant.

The Center has been widely acclaimed for its excellent program. Last winter, Sister Grace, Program Director, received a request from the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to train in-service day care personnel from Maryland institutions who need to upgrade their qualifications. As a result, a training program in Early Childhood Education was given at the Center last spring and another, expanded program, is currently under way.

In October, Sister Grace presented a session on Audio Visual Equipment for Pre-school Children at an Early Childhood Workshop at St. Ann's Infant Home, Hyattsville. During the past year, Sister Mary Magdalen and Sister Grace have attended a number of professional meetings concerned with social work and developments in the field of Early Childhood Education.

Seton Center operates a Thrift Shop. This bustling enterprise is run by Sister Esther with the help of Sister Vincent. It is open to the public and was a surprise money-maker last year.

In one of Seton Center's most valuable programs, students and other adults from St. Joseph's and Mount St. Mary's Colleges come to volunteer their time and talents.

## Town Approves Annexation Of Emmitt-Ridge; Plans To Buy More Ground

At their meeting Monday night, the Town Council formally adopted a resolution calling for the annexation of Emmitt-Ridge on the Irishtown Road. The property, which is comprised of approximately 17½ acres, is the proposed site for 190 housing units. The property will become part of the town unless 20 per cent of the town's registered voters should request a referendum.

Mayor Sprankle informed the council that revision of the town code was "pretty much up to date", but noted that the charter would have to be amended with reference to property ownership requirements for persons wishing to run for Town offices. Attorney Bowers also suggested that because of the number of boundary changes the town has made, the area map needed revision to bring it up to date.

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony Held For New Apartment Development Here



Jack Humerick, local Real Estate Agent, and Mayor Richard Sprankle, man the shovel while looking on from left to right are: Commissioner Philip Topper, Commissioner Norman Flax, Frank Darcey of Central Maryland Corp., and Mr. Harold F. Birely of Farmers and Mechanics Bank.

The official groundbreaking for the Creekside Garden Apartments was held Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the construction site off Patterson Alley in Emmitsburg. According to Frank Darcey, President of Central Maryland Corporation, construction should be completed by April 1, 1973.

The building will consist of 10 2-bedroom and 2 one-bedroom apartments, plus two centrally located laundry rooms. The units will feature wall to wall carpeting, custom wall-paper, air conditioning and electric baseboard heat.

Mr. Darcey noted that all rooms will be large and there will be plenty of cabinet and closet space. Kitchens will feature built-in dishwashers and garbage disposal units.

Anyone interested in further information may contact Central Maryland Corporation in Thurmont.

## Churches To Hold Athletic Banquet At Catoctin High

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches will hold its annual assembly on Tuesday evening, 8 p.m., in St. Joseph's High School. Every member of the parish's six congregations has a voice and vote at this meeting. Written reports from the three standing committees, the treasurer and president, have been prepared in booklet form.

Although the Council began in 1966, this year was the first year this ecumenical body encompassed all of the local churches and was administered by a constitution.

The officers during 1972 were Pastor Fearer (Elias), president; Mrs. Joyce Grider (Trinity), vice president; Betty Jane Koontz (Elias), secretary; and Mr. Fred Wolfe (Incarnation), treasurer. The election of officers for 1973 will take place at the Tuesday assembly, with the installation of same at the Thanksgiving Service on November 24.

Charley Eckman, a well known sports personality, will be guest speaker at the annual Fall Athletic Banquet, Tuesday, November 14, at Catoctin High School. The time is 6:30 p.m.

Charley Eckman is "A Man With A Message." In his own unique style he manages to weave a message which has been a source of inspiration to youth and youth leaders across the land.

Mr. Eckman has been coach of the Detroit Pistons of the NBA, former NBA official; featured in Saturday Evening Post and Sports Illustrated. He is Sports Director of WFBR Radio and commentator for Channel 13 TV.

The "Cinderella Man" of the sports world will be a sure hit and will provide entertainment with a message. Tickets are on sale at the Thurmont Bank, and Boyle's Market in Emmitsburg. Get them while they last. The price is \$2.50.

## Sock 'N Buskin Presents Comedy As First Production



The assembled cast of the Mount Saint Mary's-Saint Joseph College production of "You Can't Take It With You," to be presented on the Mount campus, November 9-13.

Sock 'N Buskin, the cooperative drama society of Mount Saint Mary's and Saint Joseph Colleges, will open its Fall production to a five-day run this evening (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in Flynn Hall on the Mount Saint Mary's campus. The play will be the Kaufman and Hart Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, "You Can't Take It With You," which enjoyed over 800 Broadway performances.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. on November 9, 10, 11, and 13, and there will be a matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12. It is directed by Mount drama

instructor, Mr. Paul O'Connell, and stars members of the Mount Saint Mary's and Saint Joseph College communities.

The story centers around the household of incredibly eccentric Grandpa Vanderhof, a lively little man who for the past 35 years has been diligently "relaxing" and having fun—collecting snakes and attending commencement exercises. Surrounding Grandpa in his New York City home are the unusual members of his family, who keep busy, like Grandpa, by doing whatever they like. His daughter, Penny, is writing her 11th play—

playwriting having suggested

itself to her eight years ago when a typewriter was delivered to the house by mistake. Penny's daughter, Essie, is a dance enthusiast and, wearing ballet shoes almost constantly, enjoys making "Love Dreamtandy" for her xylophonist husband, Ed Carmichael, to sell. Penny's husband, Paul Sycamore, manufactures fireworks in the cellar aided by Mr. DePinna, who delivered ice to the house eight years ago and has never left.

The public is cordially invited, and tickets will sell at the door—\$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults.