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Most Anything At A Glance

- By Abigail -

I understand that a sizeable crowd attended the meeting held at Seton Center Monday night after word had been passed around town that the Center was in imminent danger of being closed down. Although the fund cut-off proposed by the Department of Health Education and Welfare will have country-wide effects, it "hit home" when folks found out what the impact of this action would be in our community. From what I've heard and read it is a certainty that without the federal funds it has been receiving, the Center will be forced to close its doors.

What HEW appears to be telling families with working mothers is that they must stop working and go on welfare THEN, day care for their children will subsidize while those mothers go back out and find another job. The whole effect of these new rulings would appear to be the addition to welfare rolls of millions of families nationwide who are now able to support themselves because they can receive good care for their children with fees based on the families' wages.

Folks in this area have started a campaign including petitions, letter-writing, telegraphing, and personal visits to the men in Washington in an effort to have these funds restored. It is to be hoped that the effect of a national campaign of this type will have some effect on those at the top and cause them to listen to the voice of the and appointed to serve.

Another interesting bit of Federal Bureaucracy came out in that although funds are being returned to "the people" through Revenue Sharing, the uses to which this money can be put are strictly limited by the fellows at the top. The original idea of Revenue Sharing was to return tax dollars to local governments who would then use them to meet their community needs, but Uncle just can't let go of all that money and trust that we who paid it in, know best where to spend it.

For those of you who have not seen the Doughboy this week it is rather interesting to note that after receiving quite a whack and being knocked from his base, he is still standing, a little crookedly, perhaps, but like the men whose lives and efforts he commemorates, he is still on his feet.

It's been a week to note in the Nation's Capitol, too. President Nixon has asked Congress to re-instate the death penalty for some crimes and for a massive overhaul of federal crime laws. At the same time he is trying to get a new man approved as head of the FBI amid much confusion and loud shouting. One Senator threatened to have Nixon's personal aides arrested and brought before the Congressional committee if they keep refusing to testify at the hearings on Mr. Gray. And with all this, high government officials are assuring us that food prices will continue to go up throughout the year, while other, obviously well-fed men are suggesting that we lesser mortals eat fish, eggs and cheese. And if that doesn't cut your food bill down to manageable size, one gentleman seriously suggested that Americans eat too much anyway, and everyone should cut down on their food consumption. Good grief!

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance C. Byard, 1012 Columbia Ave., Hagerstown, Md., announce the birth of their second child and son, Jeffrey Donald, at Washington County Hospital on Monday, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Byard, S. Seton, Ave., are the paternal grandparents, and Mrs. Lulu Herring, Emmitsburg, is the maternal grandmother.

Area Deaths

WILLIAM T. BENTZ

William Theodore Bentz, 72, Emmitsburg R2, died Tuesday at the Annie Warner Hospital, Gettysburg. He was a lifelong resident and a farmer in Emmitsburg.

He was the son of the late Theodore Franklin and Julia Kelly Bentz.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Bentz, Boyd, Wis., one sister, Mrs. Mary Gunther, Baltimore; two nieces, and one great niece. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; and a member of the Holy Name Society.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 23. Friends will meet at the Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, at 10:30 a.m. and will go to St. Joseph's Catholic Church for an 11 a.m. Mass, with the Rev. Fr. John King as celebrant. Interment will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Friends may call this evening (Thursday) at the funeral home. The Rosary will be recited at 8:30 p.m.

SR. PHILOMENA KEEPERS

Sr. Philomena Keepers, 84, died at Villa St. Michaels, Emmitsburg, on Thursday, March 15. Born June 1, 1888, Sr. Philomena (Anna Virginia) was the daughter of the late Alexis V. and Mary Elizabeth Keepers of Emmitsburg. She entered the Community at Mt. Hope Retreat on July 3, 1907, and received her habit as a Daughter of Charity on October 24, 1907.

During her service to the Daughters of Charity she was stationed at Mobile, Ala.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Dearborn, Mich.; Baltimore and Emmitsburg. Blind for approximately 35 years, Sr. Philomena became expert at tatting altar clothes and priest's vestments. She was instructed in the art of tatting by her sister, Sister Stella Keepers, who preceded her in death by one and a half years.

Surviving Sr. Philomena are several nieces and nephews, and her brother's widow, Mrs. Louise Keepers of Emmitsburg.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 17 at the Provincial House with burial following in the Provincial House Cemetery.

Seniors Meet; Plan Activities

The regular monthly meeting of the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens Club was held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Center, with forty members present. President LaRue Harman opened the meeting by announcing the singing of "Irish Eyes," followed by The Lord's Prayer. Several announcements were made to the effect that the annual Spring Festival will be held Saturday, April 28 at the Firemen's Hall, and asking that all articles for sale be promptly sent in before 10 a.m. The names of the persons in charge of various booths were read.

More about the May 8 bus tour will be announced later. The next regular club meeting will be April 17, with Sr. Anna Mae showing her slides from her recent European trip. Friday, afternoon, March 23, at 2:15, two bus loads from Monroeville will stop at the Center to observe the set-up and will be served coffee. Members are invited to come to meet the visitors.

Mr. Bern P. Lorenzen, a member of the Board of Education, was introduced and spoke at length in the explanation of "Title One" Act of Congress, which supplements the state funds for schools in the county.

Five Seminarians then entertained the club for the rest of the program. This was a most delightful session.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Nora Wetzel and Mrs. Ethel Fuss.

There were 6 March birthdays and they were awarded the customary cake with one candle: Mrs. Carrie Keilholz, Mrs. Pauline Seabrook, Henry Gerkin, Eugene Warthen, Mrs. Louise Gillelan and Mrs. Ada Sperry.

Any Senior Citizen wishing to go to the Play, "Oliver," at Mt. St. Mary's, April 9 at 8 p.m., call the Center on or before March 28. Reduced rates for club members, transportation will be provided and there will be a bus if enough respond.

Catoctin "Booster Day" Saturday

The Catoctin Booster Club will hold a "Booster Day" Saturday, March 24. Students will canvass the Thurmont and Emmitsburg area, signing up new and renewed memberships in the Catoctin Booster Club. Membership for the 1973-1974 years is \$5.00.

Since the inception three years ago, the Booster Club has spent over \$17,000 on school activities. Some of the major items were:

1. Paid for the start of Varsity and 9th grade football.
2. Paid off a loan to the Board of Education.
3. Purchased blazers for the chorus.
4. Purchased a basketball rebounder.
5. Purchased goal posts for Catoctin.
6. Sponsored athletic banquets, fall and spring.
7. Paid registration for football and soccer coaches at clinics.
8. Purchased a tripod for a camera.
9. Sponsored an activities bus.

These were cash transactions but there were many other areas where time and effort was given by Boosters Club members. There are many things to be done, additional members are needed. Plan to join this Saturday.

Listen to WTHU, who has been very helpful to the Booster Club, on Saturday for a special program. Hear what other people have to say about the Booster Club.

Honored By Surprise Party

A surprise birthday party was held for Russell Wetzel at his home on the Hornet's Nest Rd. on March 18. The party was given by his wife, Martha, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Wetzel. He received many gifts including a tape player and tapes, and clothes.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Keeney and children; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Shilling and son; Mrs. Lulu Turner and family; Mrs. Victor Eyley and daughters; Mrs. Pat Hewher and family; Mr. Eddie Wetzel and sons; Mr. and Mrs. John Wetzel and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Humerick and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wetzel and children; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moer and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hahn and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Diehl and children; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Wetzel and son; Toney, Yonnie and Steve Turner.

The children went mountain climbing and the adults watched a movie. They all had an enjoyable afternoon.

Hospital Report

Admitted

Mrs. Elsie Herring, Emmitsburg R1.

Mrs. Gertrude Peters, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Ernest Fredrikis, Emmitsburg R2.

Rev. John Quirk, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. James Bowne, Emmitsburg R2.

Discharged

James Mackley, Emmitsburg.

Patrick Warthen, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Gerald Miller and infant daughter, Fairfield R2.

Mrs. Wilbur Overholtzer, Emmitsburg.

VFW AMBULANCE

The following were transported this week to the Annie Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, in the VFW ambulance: Paul Wolfe, R2, Thurmont; Father Quirk, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Gertrude Peters, Emmitsburg; and Bernard Welby, Harney Rd. George Warthen, Emmitsburg, was taken to the Warner Hospital and returned to his home; Sterling Chase, Emmitsburg, was removed from Frederick Memorial Hospital to Western Md. State Hospital, Hagerstown; John Peter Lynch, R1, Fairfield, was taken to Frederick Memorial Hospital; and Sr. Raine Hunt was removed from St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, to the Provincial House, here. Drivers were Don Byard, Paul E. Humerick, Leo Boyle, Sam Cool, Larry Little, Charles Champalin, James Kittinger and Dave Copenhaver.

Area To Observe Catholic Schools Week Beginning Mar. 25



Sister Mary John, first grade teacher at Mother Seton School, gives a preview to Chad Williams, Michael Medved and Sandra King.

Sunday, March 25 begins National Catholic Schools Week, the first in history. The purpose of the week is to foster an awareness of the contribution Catholic schools make to the nation.

Americans have a wide choice among the kinds of schooling available, a choice offered by more than 18,000 nonpublic — private and parochial — schools in this country. President Nixon, at a national meeting of educators April 6, 1972, stated, "I am irrevocably committed to these propositions: America needs her nonpublic schools; that those nonpublic schools need help; that therefore we must and will find ways to provide that help."

In the Emmitsburg area, both Mother Seton Elementary School and Saint Joseph's High School depend on the support and encouragement of the adult community in their efforts to achieve the highest educational standards. Sister Mary Xavier, principal of Mother Seton School and Sister Elaine McCauley, principal of Saint Joseph's High view curriculum improvement as an on-going process and invite the parents and interested members of the community to see their schools in operation. In actual fact, both schools have something of an open-door policy that welcomes the participation of the community.

During Catholic Schools Week, Mother Seton Elementary will hold a special Open House on Thursday, March 29 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. A

colorful slide presentation will be scheduled in the auditorium showing young students in active response to the innovative program that marks Mother Seton as a school with techniques and equipment that are unique in this area. Both faculty and students will be on hand for what Sister Lonnie, eighth grade teacher describes as "a kind of drop-in" for classrooms open to all.

On Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m., Saint Joseph's High will open its PTA meeting to the community at large. Following the meeting, the Drama Club of Saint Joseph's will present "The Importance of Being Earnest," a comedy in three acts by Oscar Wilde. Curtain time for the production is 8:15 p.m., under the direction of Miss Jane Garrett, A.B., assisted by Mr. Charles Sherk from Mount Saint Mary's. Student actors Joel Warthen and Marie Broussard said, "We know that we can count on the support of the Emmitsburg community."

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Even in the pioneer days of Catholic education, Mother Seton's parochial school was a success because it was an excellent school. A truly great educator, she was willing to take the risks necessary to be "innovative" in her approach to her students, to recognize them as unique young people whose goodness and happiness were her immediate goals. In what today would be called a personal atmosphere of guided freedom, Mother Seton allowed her students to question and ponder values, to make value judgments. With her Sisters and qualified lay teachers, she set up a system of sound education, small and intimate, stressing specifically Catholic morality in opposition to the false values of the world.

Like their American founder, Mother Seton, the Daughters of Charity in the field of education today are committed to excellence. They, too, are concerned with student creativity, personalized learning, self-discipline and responsibility. Today's students, all too often disenfranchised with a watered-down humanism, are given the opportunity to think and grow in an atmosphere of Christian love and Christian values.

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Gene Warthen Celebrates 75th Birthday

A surprise birthday party was held on Sunday, March 18, for Gene Warthen, who became 75 years young on March 14. It was given by his two daughters, Mrs. Monica Elder and Mrs. Michael Bobanic, at his home on West Main St. Approximately 30 relatives and friends attended. A St. Patrick's Day theme was used and guests sang Irish songs to the accompaniment of Mrs. Emma Eckenrode on her guitar.

Gifts were opened, a buffet was served, and an enjoyable time had by all.

Arrest Man After High Speed Chase

Eugene G. Kuhn, Lantz, Md., was apprehended by Officer J. L. Fuss after a high speed chase, Friday, March 16. Mr. Kuhn was charged with attempting to elude a police officer, exceeding the posted speed limit by 100 mph plus, and operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked.

Others receiving summons were Donald R. Gent, Westminster, exceeding the posted speed limit; John B. Joy, Jr., Reisterstown, improper passing, and James A. Barlow, Southampton, N.Y., operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner.

Progress doesn't flow from twice before you speak—it is your best source of power.

Excuses.

Seton Center In Danger Of Being Closed Because Of Lack Of Funds

Monday evening's meeting at Seton Center in Emmitsburg brought out well over 200 concerned parents and interested citizens to hear what could be done to maintain public funds in supporting Seton Day Care Center. The crowd listened attentively as several guest speakers spoke on action that might be taken.

The meeting was called by Mayor Richard Sprankle, due to his concern with the possibility of the closure of Seton Center. Mayor Sprankle said government officials at state and federal levels were unable to attend due to the shortness of time and pressure of other duties. Their support in whatever action was given during the evening would be given. He then introduced guests who included Frederick County Commissioner Donald Lewis; Emmitsburg Town Commissioners Eugene Myers, Philip Topper, Norman Flax and Sterling Goulden; Mrs. Geneva Barthel, Director of Social Services of Frederick; Mrs. Mary Kelly, President of the Maryland Day Care Association; Mr. George Shafer, Administrative Assistant to Senator Edward Thomas, and Mr. Donald Date, Community Action Agency of Frederick.

An overall view of the problem was given by Mrs. Barthel. She stated that on February 16 there appeared in the Federal Register a proposed rule change by HEW limiting the kinds of programs available. She explained that public funds are paid on the basis of children in the community who needed public service and if public service was not available to them the Social Services purchased them. The Department pays for care of children at Seton Center amounting to 4-5 thousand dollars a month. If these services could not be purchased, services would be limited in as much as we have the possibility of 40 children that can be cared for at the center through Purchase of Care. If the limit definitely goes into effect, only three of these would be able to be paid for.

Sr. Mary Magdalen of Seton Center, explained how the change would affect our community. A brief history of Seton Center, which began as a socio-economic need in the area, showed that in the three years of operation, services have included day care, family services, a thrift shop, adult education, counselling, problem solving in the area of alcoholism and drugs, and teacher training. The center cares for 88 pre-school children, provides before and after school care for 34 children and has 20 in the Head Start Program. Presently there are 15 children on the waiting list. Sixty-five families look to the center for assistance. If discontinued, 58 working mothers would be affected and a likely conclusion would be "that the majority of them would be put on welfare."

In talking with two industrial supervisors they told Sr. Mary Magdalen "that they just didn't know what they would do if Seton Center closed." The economic impact would be extensive as over 50% of the budget is met through Purchase of Care. At the time of application the 40 families represented on Purchase of Care had an average yearly income of \$3,768. "It is therefore a foregone conclusion that Seton Center cannot survive without Purchase of Care," according to Sr. Mary Magdalen.

Efforts like this (meeting tonight) are being heard in Washington, according to Mr. Donald Date, Community Action Agency in Frederick County. Regulations are supposed to go into effect as of April 1 but so much furor has been heard that they may not go into effect or drastic changes may take place. Any position taken this evening may be heard. He stated that funding will continue "we believe," at the same levels as last year for Head Start and the 20 youngsters at Seton Center will continue to participate in that program. He added that additional funds may be gotten for Head Start and include children from 1-3 on a sliding scale fee basis which has not as yet been set.

Take the time to think twice before you speak—it is your best source of power.

Commissioner Lewis said that the cause is just and we have his support. We have to look to Federal Agencies, our message must be heard, and we must let them know.

Others commenting included Mr. Shafer who said that Sen. Edward Thomas was in sympathy and that this is a federal problem and if it reaches the state it will have to be heard. Meanwhile, write to the President, and Vice President telling them how it will affect the individual and the community. Mrs. Mary Kelly also stressed letter writing, telegrams and calling by phone.

Sr. Eleanor, representing the sponsoring agency, reacted favorably to the enthusiasm shown at the meeting and emphasized that the Daughters of Charity would not be able to carry the 4-5 thousand dollar a month Purchase of Care should the government funding be curtailed.

Several suggestions were heard from the audience along with approval and thanks for the summer program for school-age children. It was decided to send the following telegram to President Richard M. Nixon: "Emmitsburg citizens protest proposed HEW regulations denying purchase of day-care regulations to other than welfare recipients. Self-respecting families in which mothers are required to work, or where illness of either parent prevents adequate home-care, resent the implication that they must become a public burden in order to qualify for day-care programs." Signed, Richard M. Sprankle, Mayor of Emmitsburg. Night letters stating opposition of HEW's new regulations regarding Day-Care Programs would be sent to Secretary of HEW, Casper Weinberger, and various state officials. Individuals will lend support of their opposition by writing letters to state legislators.

In his closing statement, Mayor Sprankle announced that the town has scheduled a meeting with Sen. Charles Mathias next week.

Plan Annual Communion Mass

The annual Communion Mass and Breakfast for Brute Council, 1860, Knights of Columbus, Emmitsburg, will be held on May 6, according to an announcement by Clyde Eyley, Church Activities Director, made during their meeting Monday evening at the Council Home with Grand Knight George Danner presiding.

Council Activities Director Eugene R. Rosensteel, announced that a Shrimp Feed would be held in the Council Home on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Francis Brewer will serve as chairman for the feed.

Members were urged to attend the District Dinner and social on March 31 at Pangborn Council, near Hagerstown. The starting time is 7:00 p.m. with tickets at \$5.00 per couple. Members wishing to purchase tickets may contact Grand Knight Danner by Saturday, March 24.

The Council voted to hold its annual family picnic at Big Pipe Creek Park, Taneytown on August 19.

An invitation was received from the Tyrian Lodge, No. 205, A.F.&M., Emmitsburg, inviting officers of the council and their ladies to attend the annual Ladies Night Dinner and Social at Elias Lutheran Church on April 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For those planning to attend, the deadline is March 27.

The next district 15 meeting will be held at Bishop McNamara Council in Jefferson, Md., on Friday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. Officers and their wives are invited to attend.

District Deputy Andrew Komarinski was then introduced. He gave a few remarks about coming events of district and state level, and asked members to start thinking about election of officers soon to take place.

The next council meeting will be held on Monday, April 2 at 8:00 pm in the Council Home.

NOTICE!

Special Town Meeting Monday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.