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Weekly Thought

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Most Anything At A Glance

- By Abigail -

Just looking out the window one would think that spring has arrived, but one step out the door can easily change that attitude. Still, the weather has been mild enough for some outdoor work and play. Most folks are happy to see fairer weather on the way, even though, according to some of the meteorologists, the winter wasn't all that bad.

The Maryland gasoline distribution program is bringing more and more opposition every day. According to news reports, I have seen, it has aroused the tempers of many a customer and service station operator in the state, especially around Baltimore City. Governor Mandel claims that it was instituted to relieve the long lines at gas pumps, but apparently it hasn't done that. News films this week showed people waiting in line at stations in the late evening so that they would be one of the first to get gasoline when the stations opened in the morning. As I said last week, this program may very well add to the frustrations, rather than alleviate the problem.

I understand that, despite the fuel situation, the Tourist Council's Sled Dog Races were a smashing success. The weather may not have been suitable for sledding, but it probably was beneficial for those who travelled very far to either watch or race in the event. Congratulations not only to the winners, but also to the Tourist Council for making a weekend of entertainment available to area residents.

Area youth: Don't forget the Youth Rally scheduled for tonight, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's High School. We have been pleading for adults to do something about the lack of youth activities around here, and they have responded. Now you must show them that you care. If you are not able, for some reason, to attend the rally, you can still let your feelings be known. Call, write, or visit one of the town commissioners, and offer your suggestions. You can be sure that they will appreciate your support.

I was delighted to see the introduction of a column featuring old photographs in the Chronicle last week. With the popularity of nostalgia these days, it should be an enjoyable addition to the paper for young and old alike. Let's all get busy and dig up our old photos to share them with the rest of the community. Almost all of us love to look at scenes from the past and "Remember When..."

It is also nice to let our minds wander to earlier days, remembering the good times and the bad. For instance, I like to remember when the public had more faith in elected officials, when elected officials listened more to the people who put them in office, when a group of individuals (businessmen, workers or politicians) were not likely to take action which would slow down or almost stop the flow of everyday life. These are not lost memories, they have just been overlooked by some people recently.

Spring is a time for re-birth and the beginning of a new cycle of life. Here is a wish that with the advent of warm, cheery weather we will be blessed with a sunny prospect of the end to the fuel situation and a change to a more prosperous year.

Softball Meeting Set For Sunday

All those interested in playing men's slowpitch softball should attend a meeting on Sunday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Emmitsburg.

Area Deaths

EDWARD W. WETZEL

Edward William Wetzel, 43, died at 12:45 Wednesday morning at his home on Fairfield R1. Dr. James Hammett, a deputy coroner, listed the cause of death as a coronary occlusion.

A native of Frederick County, Md., he was a son of Ross Edward Wetzel, Emmitsburg, and the late Esther Hess Wetzel.

Surviving in addition to his father, are his wife, the former Beverly Wiles, and three children: Edward William Wetzel, Jr., David Lee Wetzel and Bonnie Mae Wetzel, all at home.

Also surviving are these sisters and brothers: Mrs. Russell Williar, Fairfield R2; Mrs. Dorothy Richardson, Waynesboro; Mrs. Glenna Willard, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Frances Wolfe, Thurmont; William H. Wetzel, Emmitsburg; Robert Wetzel, Lantz, and Mrs. Leroy Cool, Emmitsburg.

He was a fireman at the Gettysburg Foundry Specialties Co.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with Rev. Fr. John King officiating. Interment will be in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening at the funeral home in Emmitsburg. The Rosary will be recited there at 8:30.

MURRAY L. HARDMAN

Murray Lloyd Hardman, 64, died suddenly last Thursday afternoon about 1:30 at his home, W. Main St., Emmitsburg.

A life-long resident of Emmitsburg, he was the son of Mrs. Alma (Sites) Hardman, Emmitsburg, and the late Murray S. Hardman. His wife is the former Loretta Bishop.

A construction worker, he was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother, are five children: Mrs. Betty A. Snyder and Mrs. Charles Gravly, both of Mt. Airy; Mrs. Eugene Hurley and David Hardman, both of Thurmont; and Miss June Hardman, at home; nine grandchildren; a brother, Arthur Hardman, Emmitsburg; and three sisters: Mrs. Hilda Hewitt, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Elaine Riegle, Orttanna; and Mrs. Ann Condon, Maryland, Delaware.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Trinity Methodist Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, Rev. Walter Bowers, officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Wilson Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, was in charge of arrangements.

Letter To The Editor

Editor, Emmitsburg Chronicle: We enjoy reading the Chronicle and find it to be a very interesting and informative newspaper.

The regular features, such as "Most Anything At A Glance," give us more insight into what is happening behind the scenes in Emmitsburg.

It seems to us that more than what is written in the paper happens around Emmitsburg and that there could be more articles written on news around the town and surrounding areas. We would also enjoy seeing more feature stories and articles of human interest. Perhaps additional pages added to the paper would increase advertisements and give more room for such articles. We realize that advertisers are the backbone of a newspaper, but so are the subscribers and to please subscribers there needs to be more reading in the newspaper.

We would like to see new articles and stories of the town and its people. Also how about some more editorials like the one on truckers; and there could be more letters to the editor, pro and con, on any subject. We enjoyed the editorial on truckers and would like to see more like it.

Signed, Some interested readers

Historical Society To Meet

The Emmitsburg Historical Society will meet in the Library, Monday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TV Documentary To Feature Highlights Of Mother Seton's Life



The White House, the second oldest building at St. Joseph's, will be featured in a television documentary to be aired February 24 and March 3. Mother Seton occupied the White House with her companions from February, 1810, until her death in 1821.

Two documentaries on the life and heritage of Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress of the American Sisters of Charity, will be broadcast over radio and television stations across the nation in the coming weeks.

Scenes of the opening of the Seton Bicentennial Year, which commemorates the 200th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth Seton, will be seen in color on the "Directions" series produced by the American Broadcasting Co.

The program, titled "Elizabeth Seton: To Be Born Anew," will originate from the ABC-TV network in New York, Sunday, February 24, 1 p.m., EDT.

It will be seen in the Maryland area on delayed broadcast, Sunday, March 3, 8:30 a.m., over WJZ-TV, Ch. 13. In Washington, D. C., WMAL-TV, Ch. 7, will carry the program as it is broadcast from New York.

The documentary was written and directed by Paul E. Wilson, award-winning producer for several outstanding ABC specials, and was produced by ABC News in cooperation with the U. S. Catholic Conference.

Excerpts from Mother Seton's writings will be read by the well-known Broadway actress, Marian Seldes.

The film spotlights the Eucharistic Celebration on January 5 at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg, Md., provincial headquarters for the Southeast Province of the Daughters of Charity. Some 1400 guests from all parts of the country, and from Paris and Rome, came to this small rural town in northern Frederick County, to honor Mother Seton, the first native-born American to reach the threshold of canonization.

The half-hour show was filmed during a 5-day period in early January at sites as-

sociated with Elizabeth Seton. At Emmitsburg, Wilson focused on the Stone House, the home of Mother Seton and her infant community after their arrival in 1809; the White House, built in 1810 to accommodate the first parochial school in the United States; and the hillside grotto overlooking Mt. St. Mary's College which Mother Seton visited frequently with her students.

The film scans decades of growth to the apostolates served today by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at Emmitsburg. A day in the life of the sisters was filmed, from early morning meditation through their duties at a local day care center and school. The canonization process is explored as related to Mother Seton's cause.

The Seton Bicentennial Year will also be highlighted by a two-part radio program titled "Elizabeth Seton: A Woman

For Our Times." Carried by the NBC radio network on the "Guideline" series, the broadcast will originate from NBC New York. The first part was broadcast last Sunday and the second part will be aired Sunday, February 24.

The script was written and narrated by Rev. Joseph I. Dirvin, C.M., author of a popular biography on the life of Mother Seton. Father Dirvin is vice president for university relations at St. John's University. Sister Mary Rose McGeedy, D.C., who is associated with Catholic Charities in the diocese of Brooklyn (N. Y.) will also narrate portions of the program.

The "Guideline" series is produced by the Division for Film & Broadcasting of the U. S. Catholic Conference. The series is broadcast at various times over NBC radio stations, and interested listeners are advised to contact their local NBC outlets for date and time of the program.

Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Luther V. Beard, Thurmont, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Ardene, to Dennis Francis Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Miller, Emmitsburg.

Miss Beard is a 1972 graduate of Catoctin High School and is employed by Claire Frock Co.

Mr. Miller attended area schools and is employed by Nusbaum and Ott, Inc.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Graduates



Miss Sharon Ann Weimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Weimer, R1, Emmitsburg, graduated from Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, Baltimore, on Friday, February 1.

Miss Weimer, a graduate of Catoctin High School, has accepted a position at Sinai Hospital.

Now You Can Read With Ease

The Xavier Society for the Blind, a non-profit organization based in New York City is offering free reading materials to anyone unable to read publications with normal type sizes. Available from the Society are large-type books of varied interest, ranging from secular to religious subjects. Books may be borrowed on a regular basis and will be mailed directly to the reader postage free.

For further information or to obtain free catalogs, write to the Xavier Society for the Blind, 154 East 23rd St., New York, N. Y. 10010.

Party Given

A birthday party was given recently for Lenny Zentz, at his home on Crystal Fountain Road. Games were played and refreshments served. Following the party all attendees were guests of the Pelhams at a Mount Saint Mary's basketball game. It was a most enjoyable afternoon for the children.

Those in attendance were: Joey Wagerman, Sam Topper, Hugh Lunny, Eddie Hatter, Russell White, Robert Britt, Ray Harbaugh, John Enright, Larry Phelan, Larry Kehne, Joe Zanella, Allen Cool, Angela Wagerman, Joan Wagerman, Tony Wagerman, and Pat O'Toole.

Local Women Ordained Recently

The United Presbyterian Church of Emmitsburg, at its service of worship last Sunday, ordained Mrs. Chata Carr and Miss Leanna Franklin, elders of the church. Prior to their ordination, they had been elected to this high office by the congregation. With three other elders currently serving, they will form the Session, the governing body of the church.

Recognized as new trustees, elected for three year terms, were Ray Gigeous and Samuel C. Hays.

At a Session meeting following the service, two new members were admitted to membership: Alfred Gilbert of Gettysburg, and James Hewitt of Harney.

SJHS Prepares For Annual Bazaar

The students, parents, teachers and friends of St. Joseph's High School in Emmitsburg have been busy these days. They are getting ready for their annual bazaar which will be held again this year in the high school on March 9, from 12 noon until 7 p.m.

There will be many different attractions to please everyone. This year they will have all kinds of baked goods, handicrafts, delicatessen items, grab bags, white elephants, rummage, corn game and other skill games, religious articles, hot dogs, ham and chicken sandwiches, soft drinks, and pizza.

The bazaar is always a good place to meet with friends you haven't seen for a long time. Make your plans early and spend the afternoon at St. Joseph's High School on March 9.

Harbaugh Resigns Little League Post

Mr. Thomas "Tip" Harbaugh has announced that he has resigned his position as president of the Emmitsburg Little League because of health reasons. Tip has been with the Little League since its beginning about 17 years ago. During this time he has held positions of manager, coach, and more recently, the president of the league. In his years with the Little League, he had full cooperation from coaches, managers and officers, as well as with parents and players.

Tip states that "the Little League has been one of the best things that came to Emmitsburg," and encourages all youngsters to join the league. He also wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation in the past and urges continued support of the league for many more successful seasons.

CORRECTION

The Burgess and Commissioners of Emmitsburg and the Emmitsburg Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on March 7, at 7:30 p.m. rather than March 6 as listed in the notice on page 3 of today's issue.

Mushers Draw Crowd To Races

What is sled dog racing without snow? A lot of fun, according to the reaction of the crowds who watched last weekend's Third Annual Mint Julep Classic Sled Dog Race.

If it doesn't snow for skiers, they make snow. If it doesn't snow for snowmobilers, they find wet grass or mud. And if it doesn't snow for sled dog racers, they have a solution, too. They put wheels on their sleds, and can still run a competitive and thrilling race.

Even without snow, the races drew some 300 spectators on Saturday and almost 2,500 fans Sunday to a track laid out in the rolling hills of northern Maryland. Several dozen families of sled dog racing enthusiasts from at least six states gathered to compete in eight classes which included a PeeWee class for the youngsters and a Women's Liberation race for the ladies.

The course was located in a number of fields in the area of Eyer Stables in Thurmont and consisted of a series of loops and straight runs across the valley farms. Although the course was dry, most of the mushers were very pleased with it, according to stable owner Joe Eyer.

Despite the track conditions some respectable times were turned in by the 76 teams fielded in the standard racing classes and 20-plus teams in the special women's events.

Grand Champion Jack Thaler of Freehold, N. J., won the professional - unlimited class competition, covering 7.4 miles behind a team of nine dogs in 17:44 minutes Sunday for a two-day winning total of 35:23 minutes. Other winners included Charles Larrimore of Laurel, Delaware, who placed first in the seven-dog senior class and Wayne Myers of Douglassville, Pa., who was first in the five-dog seniors.

Don O'Brien of Rhoadesdale, Md., won the three-dog senior event. Eight year old Kenny Robson of the Bronx, N. Y., won the one-dog junior class and his older brother, John, won the three-dog juniors. Ada Gauger of Bethel, Pa., won the Women's Liberation race, covering a half mile in 1:27 minutes and kept chilled spectators and mushers warm with gallons of hot chocolate, coffee, tea and bouillon.

The competitors and their families and guests were also treated to a Musher's Ball Saturday night at the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall. The snowmobile raffled off by the Tourist Council was won by Eric Glass of Emmitsburg.

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Squires Hold Awards Banquet

The Columbian Squires, Guy A. Baker, Sr., Circle 2299, held their annual awards banquet on February 3.

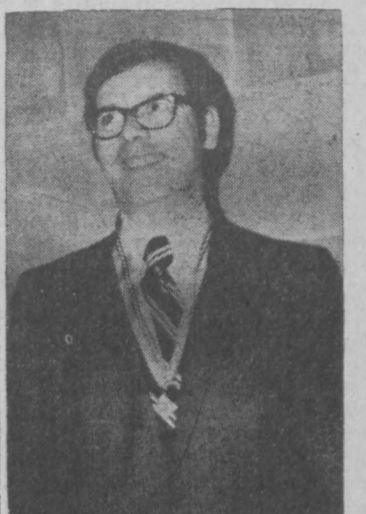
Steven M. Hollinger was named Squire of the Year of the local circle. During the Squires first year as an organized circle, Steve served as the Bursar. In addition to having a perfect attendance, he personally headed many of the successful activities.

As a senior at St. Joseph's High School, Steve is very active in academic as well as extracurricular activities. Presently he is the President of the National Honor Society. He also serves as a lector at St. Joseph's Church and has just been elected Deputy Chief Squire at the recent election of Squire officers. He is now eligible to compete for State Squire of the Year.

Thomas E. Keilholtz also received an award, which was presented by Chief Counselor Thomas L. Topper. He served as Chief Squire in leading the circle through a very successful year. Tom is now displaying his leadership by acting as a Squire Counselor.

The Squires, as a circle, received from the State Circle, the Corps d'elite Award. The award itself is won by only a few circles in the State of Maryland and to be won in a circle's first year is a rare but great honor.

Scheerer Receives St. George Medal



Michael H. Scheerer, Committee Member for Emmitsburg Boy Scout Troop 284, received the St. George Medal in ceremonies at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, recently.

The St. George Medal is the top Catholic Scouter award given to honor those "who have best exemplified and promoted principles of Scouting for Catholic Youth."

His Eminence Lawrence Cardinal Shehan personally presented the award to Scheerer and 12 other men active in Catholic Scouting in Maryland. The Cardinal also celebrated the Mass at the ceremonies with the Scout Chaplains of the Archdiocese concelebrating.

Scheerer, whose interest in Scouting dates back to his boyhood in Parkville, Md., has been the recipient of a long list of Scout honors: Order of the Arrow-Ordeal, Ad Altare Dei, Eagle Scout, Scout Life Guard, Order of the Arrow-Brotherhood, Scouters' Training Award, Scouters' Key, and the Saint George Award.

He has served on the camp staff and as Waterfront Director for Sinoippe Scout Camp. In 1972 he was chairman and in 1973, chairman, of the Annual Central Maryland Catholic Retreat.

Scheerer is Director of Counseling Services at Mount Saint Mary's College. He lives with his wife and two young sons on Faculty Row.

Also honored at the ceremonies at the Cathedral were six young men from the Emmitsburg area who merited the Ad Altare Dei medal during 1973. They are Gary Carter, Paul Carter, Michael Antolin, Eugene LaCroce, Douglas White and Larry Stouter.

Scout Honored



Scout James McDowell of Troop 284, Emmitsburg, received the God and Country Award on Sunday, February 10, in Gettysburg Memorial Baptist Church. He received the award along with John Coleman of Gettysburg. The two scouts worked together for the last year in preparation for the award.

Both McDowell and Coleman are Senior Patrol Leaders of their troops, Jim in Emmitsburg, and John in Gettysburg. Jim is a 9th grade student at Catoctin High School.

West Honored

Airman First Class Thomas E. West, son of Mrs. Marion E. West, Taneytown, has been named Outstanding Airman of the Quarter in his unit at The Pentagon.

Airman West, a communications specialist, was selected for his exemplary conduct and duty performance. He is assigned to a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

The United States uses more wood per capita than any other nation - about 13 billion cubic feet a year - and demand is expected to double by 2000 A.D.