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Weekly Thought

Even in this time of inflation, the wages of sin still remain the same!

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**Most Anything At A Glance**  
- By Abigail -

This past week has been agonizing for at least one family in Emmitsburg — the VanBrakles — who, as you know, lost half of their home and personal belongings in the fire Sunday morning. No one was hurt in the blaze, fortunately, but still the family has a lot of pieces to pick up, and it's good to see the local folks responding to the situation. Already, groups and individuals are pitching in to help the VanBrakles out.

The Vigilant Hose men deserve a hearty congratulations for their prompt efforts which avoided a total loss of property Sunday. It's nice to know they're around, isn't it?

The new Superthrift supermarket moving into town is now the owner of the former Corbin (Nester) house on East Main Street. The land that the house sits on will be the site for the new store—but of course, that means the house will have to go.

I've been told there are some valuable items in the house: wood paneling, curved glass windows, mantles, etc. The Historical Society had hoped they could salvage such items, but now it seems they will be lost to the community. The society was too late in getting involved, for as I understand it, the "salvage rights" that Mr. Corbin had on the house have since expired.

I suppose the lesson has been learned from the Corbin house. You've got to act fast to save our history... and in this case, it just wasn't fast enough.

After a week of tension, things seemed to have quieted down on the square. I'd like to say "things are back to normal," but even under "normal" conditions, it's usually not this peaceful. Don't misinterpret that as a complaint, however.

Have you decided yet what you're going to do with your tax rebate the President has planned? Yes, that refund from the federal government will certainly come in handy... may even pay for the increase in heating oil over the past year!

## Sister Joins Staff At Seton Center



Sr. Rose Marie Gerace, D.C., has joined the staff at Seton Center, Emmitsburg, where she will supervise the center's program of social services. Her work will include family counseling, home visits, outreach efforts, and parent education.

Sister brings an M.S. in Social Work and a broad range of experience to her new post. She most recently served as administrator of Mt. St. Joseph Home for Girls, San Francisco. Earlier positions included teaching and administrative duties in many institutions staffed by the Daughters of Charity. Her graduate school work was at Boston College School of Social Work.

Sr. Rose Marie is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, National Association of Social Workers, National Conference of Catholic Charities, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

## Area Deaths

JOSEPH MCCARTHY

Joseph McCarthy, 71, husband of Mrs. Margaret R. McCarthy, R1, Emmitsburg, died last Wednesday at the Annie M. Warner Hospital, Gettysburg. He was born in Dreenalamane, County Cork, Ireland, a son of the late George and Margaret McCarthy.

Surviving besides his wife are four sons, John McCarthy, East Islip, Long Island, N.Y.; George McCarthy, Middleburg, N.Y.; Patrick McCarthy, Levittown, N.Y.; Joseph McCarthy, Huntington, L.I., N.Y.; one daughter, Mrs. John Dillon, Levittown, L.I., N.Y.; two stepsons, Joseph M. Lynch, R7, Frederick, Md., and Martin R. Lynch, Ledyard, Conn.; 16 grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Richard Collins, Yonkers, N.Y.; Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, Jackson Heights, N.Y.; William J. McCarthy, Bronx, N.Y.; George McCarthy, Dreenalamane, County Cork, Ireland, and Richard McCarthy, Bandon, County Cork, Ireland.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Center, L.I., N.Y. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, Queens, L.I., N.Y.

## Ambulance Logs 13,000 Miles In '74

Three hundred sixty-two calls were answered by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Corps, according to a report for 1974 given at the monthly meeting of VFW Post 6658, held Wednesday, January 8. Of these calls, 215 were emergencies, while 125 were non-emergencies and 22 calls where transport to medical facilities were refused or the ambulance was not needed. The ambulance traveled over 13,000 miles with destinations including York, Gettysburg and Hanover, Pa.; Frederick, Baltimore, Hagerstown and Westminster, Md.; Washington, D.C., and Martinsburg, W. Va. Ambulance personnel used approximately 975 man hours answering calls. 378 patients were transported by the Corps including 192 males and 184 females. Fourteen of these were children under the age of six. 245 calls were answered between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., while 89 were between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight and 28 between 12 midnight and 6 a.m.

Answering the most number of calls was Jack Hoke. He assisted on 122 calls during the year while David Copenhagen assisted on 105 calls. Following closely were Larry Little with 96 calls, Leo M. Boyle, 95, and James Kittinger, 91 calls. Others answering calls included Sam Cool, Jay Dickinson, Charles Champlain, Paul Humerick, Thomas L. Topper, Donald Byard, Carl Angleberger, June Hoke and Douglas Orner.

Chairman of the Ambulance Corps, Leo M. Boyle, reported that the Corps has the services of ten qualified drivers, two others presently in the Emergency Medical Training Course at Frederick Community College, and one other person for transports. Mr. Boyle expressed gratitude to Post 6658 for their continued support, financially and otherwise, for maintaining the ambulance thus giving excellent emergency service to the community of Emmitsburg.

## Emmitsburg Youth In Auto Crash Sat.

Hugo Henry Diehl, 19, Emmitsburg R1, was treated at the Warner Hospital and the York Hospital after his car smashed into guard rails off Route 116, in the borough of Carroll Valley, at 1:40 a.m. Saturday.

He was taken to the Warner Hospital in the Emmitsburg VFW ambulance and forwarded in the same vehicle to the York Hospital for further treatment of head injuries suffered in the crash.

State police said Diehl's west-bound sedan skidded off of control on the wet highway, ran off the south berm and collided with four guard rails and a station marker. Police estimated there was \$800 damage to Diehl's 1970 Dodge sedan and \$150 to the PennDot guard rails and marker.

## Fire Co. Answers 114 Alarms In '74

The annual statistical report was given by Chief Eugene Myers at the monthly meeting of the Vigilant Hose Company held Tuesday evening, January 14, at the Fire Hall. President James Kittinger conducted the meeting with forty-nine members attending. Fifty-one first due calls were answered, twenty-seven mutual aids; and thirty-six non-fire alarms were responded to during 1974. An average of 31 men answered each call with man hours totaling 3,717. Mileage during the year was 1,751. Throughout the year only one injury was sustained by a fireman in the line of duty.

The estimated value of property and contents involved by fire was \$3,466,030, with a loss of \$213,355.69 incurred as a result of fires. Twenty-one alarms answered involved private dwellings, these included chimney fires; farm properties, including barns, sheds and tractors showed 12 alarms; field, brush and woods fires numbered 12; motor vehicles, 13; commercial occupancies, 12; community property, two; multiple dwellings, one; and miscellaneous alarms, six. The company recorded two false alarms for the year and held 18 drills during 1974.

In his monthly report, Chief Myers reported that 12 alarms were answered since the last meeting, and two service calls were responded to by the Vigilant Hose Company.

The Fire Company will hold three Evenings of Games during the winter. Terry Myers, chairman, has announced that the first of the series will be held Saturday evening, January 18 in the hall, and will be open to the public. Games will start at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be on sale. Dates for the other events are February 15 and March 15.

A thank you note was received from Fred Wolfe. Thomas White will be in charge of the FD license tags. Members desiring these tags are asked to see Mr. White. Delegates to the County Association will vote favorably on a regional fire school to be conducted at Frederick Community College. This was recommended to the delegates and then favorably voted on by members present at the meeting.

Larry Glass, Michael Shorb, Harry Green and Michael Myers completed and successfully passed the special training classes held recently.

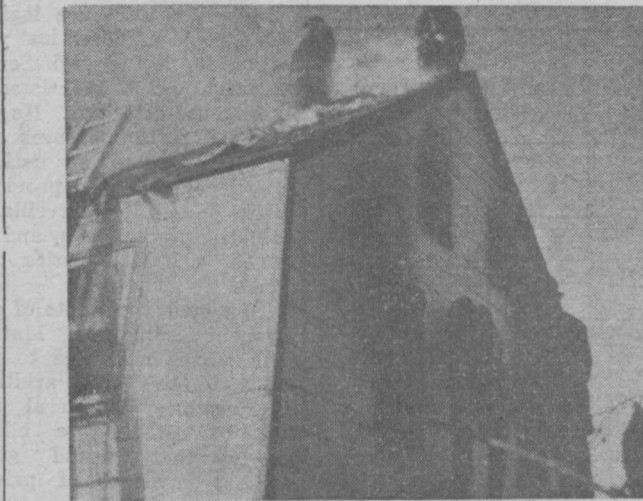
Appointments were made by President Kittinger for 1975. These appointments include: Investigating committee, Guy R. McLaughlin, Harry Green and Arthur Damuth; Training committee, Eugene Myers, Harry Green, Thomas White and James Kittinger; 200 Club, Eugene Myers and James Grinder; By-Laws committee, Guy R. McLaughlin, John S. Hollinger and Leo M. Boyle; Standing committee, Thomas White, Carl Angleberger and James Pryor; and Truck committee, Guy R. McLaughlin, Arthur Damuth, John S. Hollinger, E. Eugene Myers, Harry J. Green, Thomas White, Terry Myers, Carl Angleberger, James Kittinger and C. F. Stouter.

Other committees appointed include: Fund Drive committee, W. Larry Little, Thomas Topper and Dave Copenhagen; Fire Prevention committee, Michael Shorb, Gerald Orndorff, Douglas Orner and Robert Hardman; Central Alarm, Thomas White, Harry Green and Eugene Myers; Fund Raising, James Pryor, Larry Little, Terry Myers, Dave Copenhagen and Sterling Myers; Auditing committee, Charles F. Stouter, Arthur J. Damuth and Sterling White; and House committee, Terry L. Myers, Dave Copenhagen, Leo M. Boyle and Michael Wivell.

Still other appointments include: Membership committee, James A. Pryor, Charles F. Stouter and Lloyd Fite; Octoberfest Activities, Eugene Myers, general chairman; Historical committee, Larry Little, Daniel Kaas, and Thomas White; Safety and First Aid, Samuel Cool, Charles Champlain and Douglas Orner; Building committee, Charles F. Stouter, James A. Pryor, Sterling White and Janitor; Building Coordinator, Austin Umbel.

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## Fire Destroys 2nd Floor Of VanBrakle Home Sunday Morning



Eleven units and four fire companies spent an hour battling fire that gutted two bedrooms and caused extensive smoke, water and heat damage at the home of Mrs. Doris M. VanBrakle, 439 Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg. The fire broke out at approximately 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Mrs. VanBrakle and her three children were forced to



Emmitsburg Fire Chief Eugene Myers said one of the VanBrakle children, Ricky, narrowly escaped injury when he fled from his attic room during the blaze.

Myers said that although the fire destroyed two bedrooms, a hallway and bathroom, heat, smoke and water damage caused extensive damage throughout the home.

A tentative investigation by Myers and state official, T. S. May, indicated the fire was caused by electrical malfunction in either the heating system, or in an extension cord used in one of the bedrooms.

Myers tentatively estimated damages at \$10,000 to the house, and \$5,000 to personal belongings.

He noted that firemen salvaged most of the downstairs furniture while others fought the second floor blaze.

Firemen remained on the scene for four hours. Cash-town firemen stood by for Fairfield during the alarm.

## Library Will Show 3 Children's Films

The Frederick County Public Libraries have announced the following events of interest to residents of this area:

On Wednesday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Thurmont Public Library, there will be a program for fanciers of antiques and historic homes. Titles of filmstrips to be shown are: "American Houses: From Wigwam to Mansion," which features photographs of authentic rooms and pieces of furniture; and "Furniture Restoration," which features step by step procedures for refinishing furniture.

On Saturday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the Emmitsburg Public Library, the following films for children will be shown: "Harlem Globe Trotters," "It's Not Cricket," and "Make Way For Ducklings."

## Food 'N Friends Menu, Jan. 21, 23

The menu for next week's Food 'N Friends meals is as follows:

- Tuesday
  - Grapefruit Juice
  - Fish Sandwich
  - Tartar Sauce
  - Escalloped Potatoes
  - Buttered Broccoli
  - Fruited Jello
  - Milk
- Thursday
  - Baked Ham
  - Pan Roll — Butter
  - Parried Potato
  - Mixed Vegetables
  - Fruit Cup
  - Milk

## Fire Co. Sponsors Evening Of Games

The first in a series of Evening of Games to be sponsored by the Vigilant Hose Co., will be held this Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be on sale.

## Mardi Gras 1975—At Frederick Mall!

Frederick's Mardi Gras 1975 February 8, at the Frederick Towne Mall—is in its final planning stages by members of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, and the evening will be a gala one for all who attend.

Reigning over the festivities will be the traditional Three Kings of Mardi Gras. They will be Rex Elmer Munshower, assisted by King Edward Thomas, Jr., and King John Derr. Announcement of the Kings was made recently by Mrs. Donald B. Rice, president of the club, at a Twelfth Night Dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Rice for club officers and husbands, Kings and their wives, and Mardi Gras committee chairmen and their husbands.

Forty young ladies of the greater Frederick area will be presented at Mardi Gras. Chosen as Queen was Miss Debralee McClellan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James McClellan of Frederick. She picked the lucky charm from the special "partridge in a pear tree" decoration, which held charms for all the girls, with one one inscribed as "Queen." Selection was made at a tea and reception for parents and the girls which was held recently at Steiner House, the Civic Club's historic headquarters.

The Frederick Town Mall will be transformed into a gala ballroom on the night of Mardi Gras. Following the presentation of the princesses, Queen, and Kings at 10 p.m., there will be dancing to the music of three bands, and refreshments will be available until 2 a.m. Tickets are now on sale, and with expanded facilities, no one will be disappointed. Ticket information can be had by calling 662-4902.

Mardi Gras is the main fund raising activity of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club. Patterned after the famous one in New Orleans, the ball also has its own distinctive style. Costumes will be the dress for the evening; judging will be part of the program.

## Blue Cross To Open Enrollment

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland today announced that an open enrollment period for their recently expanded Medicare Supplemental program will be held through March 31.

This low-cost program provides benefits which supplement Medicare coverage without duplicating its benefits. It is available to all Marylanders eligible for Medicare coverage, physical examinations required with no health statements or for enrollment. Some 140,000 Marylanders currently are covered.

Blue Cross benefits under the Supplemental program were expanded on January 1 to cover a 9.5 per cent increase in the deductible and coinsurance payments required of Part A Medicare beneficiaries. Specifically, the expanded coverage will include:

- the initial deductible for each hospital inpatient admission which increased from \$84 to \$92;
- the additional charge for the 61st through 90th day of each inpatient hospital stay which increased from \$21 to \$23;
- the additional charge for each of the 60 "lifetime reserve" hospital days which increased from \$42 to \$46; and
- the additional charge for the 21st through 100th day of each skilled nursing facility stay which increased from \$10.50 to \$11.50.

The open enrollment period applies to those senior citizens who are not now Blue Cross or Blue Shield members; current members automatically will be converted from their present coverage to the supplemental program when they reach age 65.

Also eligible are beneficiaries presently having Blue Cross and Blue Shield protection, the corporations have requested that they notify the Plans to convert their coverage to the Supplemental program.

Anyone eligible for Medicare may enroll in the Medicare Supplemental program by contacting their nearest Blue Cross and Blue Shield office. The Medicare Supplemental program is available to individuals for \$5.00 per month, payable quarterly.

## FFA To Renovate Ball Park Areas

The monthly meeting of the Catoctin FFA Alumni was held January 9, with 18 members present. President Lee Bassler presided at the meeting.

Orchard Chairman, Lee Black, Frederick County Agricultural Supervisor Edward Reiley, Dave Simpson, and Rodman Myers, met to plan renovation of areas surrounding the athletic fields. They have set the date of Saturday, January 18 at 9 a.m., for clearing the areas. All FFA members and Alumni are encouraged to attend and help with this project. Chain saws, axes and tree trimming equipment are needed.

Catoctin FFA Chapter President Mike Weimer reported 125 FFA members went to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. National FFA Week will be observed February 16-22. A new Catoctin Junior FFA Chapter has been formed with 65 members.

Patty Keilholz and Lee Bassler will represent the Catoctin FFA Alumni on the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show Committee.

Agriculture teacher, Tom Armbruster, announced that tractors in need of repair will be received at the agriculture department. The horticulture class has chrysanthemums for sale.

Jim Keilholz and Paul Baumgardner were welcomed as new members. Refreshments were served by Russell Moser and Denny Wolfe. The next meeting will be held February 13 at 8 p.m., in Lecture Hall B, at Catoctin High School.

## Museum Contest

Contestants are wanted to create an exhibit suitable for display at Rose Hill Manor's Children's Museum. Exhibits can be suitable for hanging or free-standing, but should not exceed four feet. Exhibits should be imaginative, durable and easily movable. They should illustrate a craft, person, anecdote, place or area in Frederick County history, and should appeal to a child of the 4th, 5th and 6th grade level.

All exhibits must be turned in to Rose Hill Manor by March 1, and will be on display at the Manor through March and April. All exhibits will remain the property of the museum. First prize for adults is \$100, and first prize for children under 12, is \$100. For further information call 663-8300 or 663-4121.

## Girl Scout To Join Alpine Gathering



On January 18, Donna Athey, a Senior Girl Scout from Thurmont, will leave Dulles International Airport for the Swiss Alps and a two-week adventure in skiing and international friendship. Donna's destination will be "Our Chalet," near Adelboden, Switzerland, one of four World Centers of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

At "Ski Session—Our Chalet," Donna and the five other United States Girl Scouts chosen for this event, will meet and mingle with approximately 100 Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world. Together they will hike and ski in one of Switzerland's leading winter sports areas.

Chances to learn about one another's customs and cultures will come during and between sessions on the slopes and in the fun of living together dormitory-style. In evening programs the girls will share songs, skits, dances, and slide-and-talk presentations about their homelands.

Part of the expense of attending "Ski Session—Our Chalet" for the six United States Scouts has been under-

## March Of Dimes Campaign Begins

An estimated 250,000 children are born in the United States each year with birth defects. This misfortune strikes about one in every ten American families. For a long time it was assumed that nothing could be done to prevent birth defects. But that idea has proved to be outdated. Uses of vaccines is already saving thousands from being born malformed, severely crippled, or dead. If you want to help to protect tomorrow's child from birth defects... if you want to improve the quality of life at birth... give generously to the 1975 March of Dimes campaign.

The Mothers' March in Emmitsburg will again be sponsored by the Auxiliary to VFW Post 6658, under the chairmanship of Gloria Martin.

The following ladies will give generously of their time to collect in the different areas. Please welcome the collectors listed in your area, between January 19th and 26th (majority will solicit either Sunday afternoon or Tuesday evening).

North Seton, Lois Harbagen and Dixie Vivaldi; South Seton, Rita Byard and Gloria Martin; Mountain Road, Betty Lupinski; Federal Ave. and Hill, Mary Topper and Ev Ott; Tract Road, Dolores Henke; Waynesboro Road, Eleanor Eiker; Toll Gate Hill (old Rt. 15), Charlotte Buch; Gettysburg Road, Maxine Keilholz; Emmitt Gardens, Betty Ann Baker; DePaul St., Susie Glass and Mary Wetzel; W. Main St. (upper), Dolores Ray; Lincoln Ave., Phyllis Joy; W. Main St., Danelle White; Lisa Finneyfrock; Maxine Keilholz, Judy Larsen; E. Main St. (lower), Anna Bushman and Shirley Little; E. Main St., Jane Orndorff and Gloria Maddox; St. Anthony's, Florence Knott and Joyce Orndorff; Mt. St. Mary's and Old Frederick Road, Gloria Martin.

## Catoctin Winter Festival Feb. 1 & 2

Want to learn all about cross-country skiing or thrill to the sight of sled dogs running? Then came to the third annual Catoctin Mountain Winter Festival on Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2. The event, sponsored by the National Park Service and the Catoctin Mountains Tourist Council, will be held snow or no snow from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at Round Meadow in Catoctin Mountain Park. The entrance to the park is 3 miles west of Thurmont on State Route 77.

Outdoor activities will include cross-country ski clinics with members of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Ski Touring Section informing you of the ins and outs of America's fastest growing sport. If you can walk, you can cross-country ski. Learn how to get started—what you need, where to get it, and how to use it. If conditions permit, exciting sprint races on skis will be held.

The sled dog teams will be on hand even if there is no snow, as owner Warren Keifer has wheeled carts for training his purebred Siberian huskies. Visitors are asked not to bring their pets because of the excitability of the sled dogs.

In the absence of snow, hay rides will also be offered for a small fee. All other activities, however are free of charge. If snow is available, let your imagination go and try your skill at snow sculpture—contest for young and old alike.

Inside the heated Round Meadow gymnasium, a variety of activities will be taking place. There will be continuous movies of cross-country skiing and dog sledding, continuous slide programs, and displays of winter camping and recreational equipment. Members of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and the Maryland Mountain Club will be on hand to inform you about back-packing, winter camping, and mountaineering skills.

Take time to watch wood sculptor Arthur Weirher, the fly tiers of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishermen, and other craftsmen.

Hot food and drinks will be available at the cafeteria. Join in the festivities and enjoy winter in the Catoctins February 1 and 2.