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Most Anything At A Glance

- By Abigail -

Wouldn't East and West Main Street look nice with trees lining the streets? When I drive through other small towns, it's always the trees that seem to create the atmosphere and the personality of the towns. I always feel that people who want to live with lots of trees, are the people I would like to live with.

Now I know these are fighting words to the Water Commissioner and the Streets Commissioner, as tree roots tend to disrupt sewerage lines and create havoc with sidewalks, but I still feel there may be a way around it.

From what I've been able to gather, there are trees that do not root deep and will not become entangled in sewerage lines, and if they are placed in dirt plots like those in front of Dr. Cadle's office, do not play havoc with sidewalks.

As well as cutting down on noise, trees also clean the air. In the fall, nothing makes better mulch than cut up tree leaves, and it's free mulch at that. They keep your homes cool in the summertime and are very easy on the eyes.

I look at the pictures of days gone by and wonder what happened to all our trees. Can you think of anything better for our town than trees? The flowers placed around the square certainly improve things. Wouldn't trees look good too?

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The back of the Hotel certainly has improved recently. The fence created a obstruction on that corner. Now it's nice that we can see traffic coming from both directions.

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I noticed visitors to St. Joseph's couldn't find a place to eat in Emmitsburg over this past weekend. No place in town is able to accommodate a crowd. I sure wish we had a restaurant that could accommodate buses and then maybe we could cash in on the tourist trade.

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Every first Monday of the month, a Town meeting is held in the town office. I notice the same people there, month after month, yet I constantly hear comments about the subject matter discussed, from citizens all over town. The Burgess and commissioners are here to serve us, and they can't do that unless they know how we citizens feel about things. What happens in that meeting affects all of us. Let's all turn out for these meetings, and let the town Fathers know we're behind them 100%. And while I'm on the subject, the Planning and Zoning Commission meet in the town office every third Wednesday of the month. Anything that happens there has a bearing on all of us, so Let's make those meetings, Huh? After all, it is OUR town.

The poster for the Festival of Freedom Balls to be held in Frederick County and Emmitsburg was presented by Margaret Myers, Chairman of the northern Frederick Co. Freedom Balls, (Emmitsburg and Thurmont) to Burgess, Richard Sprankle on Monday. The Ball site for Emmitsburg is Mt. St. Mary's Student Union Building, both upper and lower level, on July 3. Bands for the occasion are "Jokers Wild" and "Country Cookin'." The cost is $3.50 per person, advance, and $5.00 at the door. Tickets are on sale at Myers Radio and TV and other places locally. A ticket will entitle the holder to attend any ball in Frederick Co. (Photo by Mary Johnson)

Plan Community Day Celebrations

Emmitsburg Community Days will be celebrated July 3rd and 4th, this Bicentennial year, with the Emmitsburg Historical Society in charge of Saturday's events and the Social Ministry Committee of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches in charge of the events on Sunday.

Highlighting Saturday's events will be a walking tour of Emmitsburg, starting with a slide presentation of some of the older buildings of Emmitsburg to be shown in the former Senior Citizens' building on Center Square at 10:00 A.M. A guide, giving historical facts about these buildings, may be gotten at the same place, and each person may go at his own pace on a tour through the town, with inside tours of some of the homes. (Persons having information about their buildings, which could be used in this guide, should contact Mrs. Chata Carr).

The churches of Emmitsburg are also requested to have their doors open, with old artifacts on display, and hosts available to show the guests around and answer questions.

It is hoped that the people of Emmitsburg will bring out any old pictures of buildings, streets, etc. of "way back when", and have them on display in their windows, on their porches or in their yards, and be dressed in clothing of "by-gone days" or the Bicentennial clothes they may have used for the Town's Bicentennial Celebration, for this week-end.

Church groups and non-profit organizations within the Emmitsburg community are invited to set up stands and/or tables, displaying their wares. Especially welcome will be tables displaying "items of yesteryear", no longer found in the modern homes. People or organizations desiring a location for this should contact Mrs. Chata Carr, (447-2782) for further information.

An All-star Little League Ball game will be played at 3:00 P.M., and a Band concert is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. in Center Square. Anyone wishing to play in this band — contact Rev. W. Ronald Fearer.

Saturday's events will close with a Bicentennial Ball, sponsored by the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation. The Ball will be held at forty different sites in Frederick County, with the Emmitsburg site being Mount Saint Mary's College from 9:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. Tickets for the Ball will go on sale this weekend at Myer's Radio and T.V., E. Main Street, Emmitsburg, or may be gotten from Mrs. Norman J. Shriver, Sr., ticket chairman. The price of the tickets are $3.50 for all advance sales, or $5.00 at the door the night of the Ball. One ticket will admit the holder to any or all of the forty different locations.

Sunday's events will begin with the Church services Sunday morning. There will be an All-Star Soft Ball game at 4:00 P.M. and a parade is scheduled for 6:30.

The weekend will close with an Ecumenical Worship Service at the Community Park at 7:00 P.M.

VHC Fund Drive Report

Chairman Larry Little of the Vigilant Hose Co.'s 1976 Fund Drive announces that donations are still being received. The Firemen request that our people send their donations to us as soon as possible as plans are being made to publish rural route solicitors. Aslo, a date will soon be set for our door to door canvass of the town. This information will be published at a later date.

The firemen wish to thank you for our out of town people and the local property owners for their very generous donations. Keep up the good work. If you haven't mailed your doantion yet, please consider as soon as possible. Above all, please be generous.

Recent contributors to the Fund Drive: Mary A. Watson, Adele Adelsberger, John Joy, Leonard Dow, Paul Eckenrode, Pauline Seabrook, Mimi Greenawalt, John Preston, Richard Rohrbaugh, Mrs. Ervin Brown, Raymond Baker, Quality Tire Service, Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Lillie Anders, Regina Rybikowsky, Mother Seton School, Ethel G. Topper, Chronicle Press Inc., Edward K. Ohler, Thomas Wantz, Ellen Jordan, Eunice Neighbors, Ellis Kepner, Marie Hubbard, Roland Hubbard, Robert Ridenour, S. C. Hays, Richard Oster, Robert Little, Anna Zurgable, William Garner, John Richards, Louis Kengla, Castle Farms Dairy, Robert Grimes, Jimmy Glass, Eugene Bankard, Robert Kaas, Merle Keilholtz, Maymard Kling, Monocacy Drive In, John Fuss, Velma Shockey, Sarah Lingg, Phil Valentine, Robert Henke, Jacob Baker, Rebekah McKenna, Joseph Reckley, Anna Shepperd, Russell Wetzel, Luretta Shuff, George Baker, Shirley F. Topper, Patricia A. Topper, James Neely, A. Wayne McCleaf, Robert Troxell, George Kramer Sr., Mary Rohrbaugh, George A. Glenn Sr. Laurence Sprankle, Charles J. Hobbs, Roy Reaver, Senior Citizen Center, Phoenix, Inc., Tom Joy, Eugene Myers, Myers Radio & TV, Mike Trout, Austin Joy, American Legion Post 121, Roger Liquor Store, Ann G. Roger, Alice Brawner, Northern Propane Gas Co., Allen Knott, John Wantz, Frank Webb, John Gill, Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church, Jason Sanders, Ernest Shriver, Franklin E. Wastler, Charles B. Shorb, Emma Eckenrode, Charles L. Long, Brooke Damuth, Charles V. Hartdagen, Carroll Wivell, Mrs. Simon Klosky, Karl Orndorff, Wayne Cregger, Wilbur Kelly, John B. Ott Jr. Emmitsburg Gas Co., George Olinger, Anne E. Orendorff, Harry Wantz, Frederick Fry, Edgar Valentine, Eric Glass, Pine Hill Farm, Grace Vaughn, Virginia Vaughn, Richard Vaughn, Incarnation United Church of Christ, Josephine Steinberger, Edward Lingg, Clarence Orndorff, Earl Kugler, Donald Eyler, Virginia Elder, Elizabeth Andrew, Joseph F. Little, Kenneth Stitely Sr., Francis Hemler, Norman Shriver Jr., Maurice Hobbs, Richard Myers, Hillside Inn, Lulu Herring, Mrs. Edgar Wastler, Mrs. Charles Murdorf.

Local VFW Receive Two Awards

Commander-in-Chief Thomas C. Walker, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has announced that V.F.W. Post 6658, of Emmitsburg, Md., has won two Awards of Honor given by the organization for community service.

Walker praised the Post and its Ladies Auxiliary on winning the two awards and gold plaques. "Local V.F.W. members can be proud of this unique accomplishment. Through their activities they clearly demonstrate the V.F.W.'s concern of helping others."

The Post received one Award of Honor for its support of construction of a community swimming pool and the other for sponsorship of an ambulance service for use by local citizens.

To assure the building of the pool, the Post donated $40,000 to meet the city's commitment. The State of Maryland provided the remaining funds.

The National Board of Judges said, "The local V.F.W. members saw the need for the recreational facility and were able to provide the funds required to assure its construction. Much good-will and recognition was denerated through this project."

The other winner for the Post and its Ladies Auxiliary involved the organization and running of a community ambulance service. Started in 1947, the Post has purchased four ambulances which are manned by V.F.W. members.

The judges were impressed, "By the magnitude of this project. Many manhours were spent not only in answering the thousands of calls for service but also in the training required in members to become part of the crews manning the ambulances. The local V.F.W. can be proud of this very worthy program."

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13	68	32	
14	80	40	

Week of May 8-14, 1976

Fire Log

5/10/76 (9:00 AM) to 5/17/76 (9:00 AM)

May 12, 1976 (1:23 AM) — Assist ambulance on rescue, Mt. St. Mary's College.

May 12, 1976 (3:49 AM) — Barn Fire, Hahn residence, Eyler's Valley Road.

May 14, 1976 (1:25 AM) — Building Fire, Pangborn, Mt. St. Mary's College.

May 15, 1976 (10:30 PM) — Investigation, Stouter Farm, Crystal Fountain Road.

Crapster To Address Historical Society

The noted Historian, Dr.. Basil Crapster will speak on the Emmitsburg Militia of the Revolutionary War period and the history of the Emmitsburg area, at the Emmitsburg Historical Society monthly meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmitsburg Community Center.

Those interested in hearing this enlightening talk are cordially invited.

Dr. Crapster is Professor of History and Chairman of the History Department at Gettysburg College. He was born in Taneytown, Md., and received his A.B. at Princeton University, his M.A. and Ph.D. in History at Harvard University and is presently researching the early history of the Taneytown area, the valleys of Pipe Creek and Upper Monocacy.

Man Charged With Assault

A Thurmont man has been charged with assault with intent to rape a young Emmitsburg woman 1 a.m. the morning of May 10.

The man, Daniel C. Misner, 24, of Rt. 1 of Thurmont, is being held in Frederick County Jail in lieu of $5,000 bond.

Investigation by Emmitsburg Police Officer James Fuss and Tfc. Carl R. Valentine revealed that Misner allegedly assaulted the young woman in front of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank on the square, after trying to get her into a car parked in front of the bank.

Further information as well as the identity of the woman were not released by police.

Talmadge Introduces Health Bill

On March 25, Senator Talmadge introduced his long expected measure on Medicare and Medicaid reform. In his introductory remarks to the Senate, Talmadge said, "It is time — in fact...that fact is exactly what this bill seeks to avoid."

Talmadge's proposal (S.3205), which is co-sponsored by 10 Senators, is intended to cope with the rising cost of Medicare and Medicaid. It calls for significant reforms in administration, reimbursement of hospitals and physicians and includes provisions intended to prevent fraud, abuse and excessive payments. The measure is very complex and has major implications for hospitals. In summary, the legislation:

1) Creates a separate unit in HEW known as Health Care Financing Administration which would be under the direction of an assistant secretary. This new administration would have responsibility for the Bureau of Health Insurance (Medicare), the Bureau of Quality Assurance (PSROs), the Medical Services Administration (Medicaid).

2) Mandates a uniform system for the allocation of costs and for the determination of operating and capital costs. Under this sytem, hospitals would be classified as to bed size, type of hospital (teaching, geriatric, short-term general, etc.) and other criteria as the Secretary deems appropriate.

3) Initiates a performance-based reimbursement system for routine hospital costs. If a hospital's costs are equal to or exceed the allowance for its particular category, payment would equal actual per diem up to 120 per cent of the costs. Costs exceeding this limit would not be covered. Hospitals with costs below the categorical average would be paid actual costs plus one-half the difference between actual costs and the average for their category. The changeover would be phased in over a three year period beginning July 1, 1979.

4) Provides for an experimental project under which a small number of short-term, not-for-profit hospitals would be reimbursed for capital and increased operating costs incurred in the elimination or conversion of underutilized beds.

Limited Help For Elderly On Rents

The efforts of the Maryland Office on Aging to alleviate the problem of increased rents at housing projects for the elderly have resulted in a somewhat limited nationwide Department of Housing and Urban Development program of assistance.

The new program will broaden the present federal Section 8 Housing Assistance program, which provides rent subsidies in eligible housing projects to people whose incomes are below a certain level. These people pay a maximum of 25% of their incomes for rent, with a Section 8 subsidy making up the difference.

Until now, Section 8 subsidies have been available to only 20% of the tenants in existing elderly housing projects with HUD-insured or HUD-held mortgages, even though up to 80% of the tenants may have qualified. The new program will make subsidies available to all qualified tenants in these projects, including residents of moderate-income housing, thereby increasing the number of elderly people who will be able to get help with higher rents.

HUD Area Offices are now in the process of inviting housing owners who meet certain selection criteria to submit applications for Section 8 Assistance, and will evaluate the applications on a case-by-case basis. The Maryland Office on Aging feels that the selection criteria need clarification, and has requested a meeting with the directors of the HUD Area Offices in Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Another important limitation on the effectiveness of the new program is that the contract authority for Section 8 through September 30, 1976, has been allocated for only a limited number of units nationwide. If this limit is reached, HUD will not be able to accept any more applications until new funds become available.

The problem of increased rents for the elderly was first brought to the attention of the Office on Aging in September 1975 by the administrators of several HUD-financed or insured housing projects, who had discovered that some of their elderly tenants were skimping on health and nutrition needs in order to meet rising rent payments caused by abnormal increases in the cost of utilities. Rather than pass on more increases to their tenants, the owners tapped their repair and replacement funds; but with these depleted, they faced the choice of raising rents further or defaulting on their HUD mortgages.

Dr. Matthew L. Tayback, State Director on Aging, asked Senator Charles McC. Mathias to convene a meeting of the Maryland Congressional delegation and HUD officials, at which the HUD representatives agreed that the problem was nationwide in scope and severe enough to receive immediate attention.

"Town living with country advantages." Where else, but in Emmitsburg, can you look out your back window and see cows peacefully grazing in the fields! (Photo by Mary Johnson)