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Most Anything At A Glance

- By Abigail -

Her majesty, the editor, just came to me and said, "Alright, Abigail, you had such a good column for the Christmas issue, how about doing something just as terrific for the New Year's issue." So now, here I sit, before my old trusty (and rusty) typewriter, trying my darndest to come up with something really spectacular to welcome the New Year.

I just can't seem to make up my poor mind. I keep thinking about all the fun I had during Christmas. (As a matter of fact, I'm still celebrating Christmas). It's really hard sometimes to make up my mind as to what I'm going to talk about in my column.

I can't decide whether or not to say, "I'm already to go to the New Year's Dance in the VFW Friday night," or "Don't forget to watch out for the other guy this holiday weekend."

Or I could reflect on all the happenings in 1976. That always goes over big! We did have a big Bicentennial Celebration in this country, and lots of people enjoy rehashing it from an intellectual standpoint. How about if we discuss politics, past and present? It would be nice if congress would obey all the laws it passes, and restore the public's confidence in government once again. It would also be nice if the Congressional Record was a true record of all Congress's deliberations.

But it's hard to talk about Congress when many of the "speeches" appearing in the Record were never delivered in the first place. Seems Congress just throws in letters from constituents, editorials and just about anything else they want, just as if they had actually been read on the floor of Congress to the rest of their colleagues. Well, I didn't want to discuss Congress, politics, or politicians anyway.

Or I could discuss how Emmitsburg has had its troubles with the State Roads Commission, which by the way, are still going on.

However, I think I'll just dispense a little of my advise for the coming year... Just a few little tips to make the coming year run a little smoother in Emmitsburg.

* Don't forget to be sure not to put your trash in the containers around the

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For the first time in many years, Emmitsburg was treated to a white Christmas, which pleased not only the young, but also the young-at-heart.

Sr. Basil Succumbs

Sr. M. Basil O.S.F., 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, of the staff at the Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, died suddenly Thursday morning at the college. The cause of death is not yet officially known. She had been in declining health for some time.

Born in County Sligo, Ireland on January 11, 1903, she entered the Order of Sisters of Saint Francis in Ireland in 1930 and professed her first vows in 1933. She was later sent to the Provincial House of the Order at Glen Riddle.

She came to Mount Saint Mary's College in November 1945 to supervise domestic arrangements at the time of the influx of veterans from World War II, and was widely known, loved and respected by the student body since that time.

She also taught at St. Peter Claver in Baltimore, St. Patricks in Ana Darko, Oklahoma and Padua Academy, Wilmington, Delaware.

She is survived by two sisters; Sr. Donald O.S.F., Warrenton, Fla., and Sr. Mary Cuthbert, a missionary sister in Africa, and several nieces and nephews.

The body will lie in state at the college chapel of the Immaculate Conception Sunday afternoon and evening. A Mass of Christian burial will be offered on Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the college chapel. Interment will be in the college cemetery on the Mountain side. The Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Sisters of Saint Francis Retirement fund, Our Lady of Angels Convent, Aston, Pa. 19014.

Lucille Beale Honored

Mrs. Lucille K. Beale, Emmitsburg R. 2, a home economics teacher at Fairfield High School, who just completed her 20th year as a volunteer weather observer for the National Weather Service at her home near Emmitsburg, was honored with the John Campanius Holm award at a Veteran's Day assembly at Fairfield High School Thursday.

She is one of 35 observers selected this year to receive the award from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), parent agency of the National Weather Service.

The award was presented to Mrs. Beale by Fred Davis, meteorologist in charge at the NOAA weather service office, Baltimore; William I. Pogerman, substation program manager for NOAA at Silver Spring, Md. and Arthur Snider, substation network specialist for NOAA at Baltimore.

The John Campanius Holm Awards, created in 1959 by the National Weather Service, are made annually to honor volunteer observers for outstanding accomplishments in the field of meteorological observations. The award is named for a Lutheran minister who was the first person known to have taken systematic weather observations in the American colonies. The Rev. John Campanius made records of the climate, without the use of instruments in 1644 and 1645, near present Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Beale was honored for her excellence as a cooperative observer in maintaining complete and accurate records of temperature and precipitation since May 1, 1956. Her records have been published weekly in local newspapers and have been used in court cases. Record breaking rainfall amounts have been measured at her station and several times the temperature has fallen to 20 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Beale is active in local church

groups, adult education programs, bird watching and farming. She holds a master's degree in education. Mrs. Beale and her husband, Paul Beale, director of Air Quality Control for the Frederick County Health Department have raised five sons, all engineers.

Weather			
By Lucille K. Beale			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
18	43	32	-
19	48	19	-
20	48	31	trace
21	46	20	.10
22	33	16	-
23	42	19	-
24	36	14	-

Presents Report To Board Of Ed.

Maryland's new state superintendent, David W. Hornbeck, presented the state board of education with his report regarding the work and organization of the state department of education in a report on December 22.

Hornbeck outlined five areas of competence, which he said, young people must master to achieve "effective and satisfying adulthood." He identified them as basic skills, work skills, productive use of leisure time, citizenship, and "survival" skills. Of basic skills he said, "We have reached a point where work experience, the use of leisure time, responsible citizenship, and even meaningful family relationships require the use of the written word... The basic skills are before all else."

The board to adopt a series of minimum measurable competencies in each of the five areas as the basis for high school graduation by June 1982. Hornbeck said that standards in reading skills will be proposed to the board by March 1977 to comply with legislation enacted by the Maryland General Assembly earlier this year. He promised other basic skills standards well before the 1982 deadline.

The new superintendent said that schools must be "results oriented," in

both educational programs and in fiscal responsibility. He estimated that the cost of the new program, Project Basic: Learning for Effective Adulthood, will be between \$200,000 and \$300,000 a year, part of it from reallocated existing funds.

In his 26-page report the new superintendent suggested that all minimum competency standards by developed in close consultation with citizens, local school personnel, community leaders, and parents, as well as the state education staff and other state agencies.

Hornbeck emphasized that schooling cannot be the responsibility of the school alone. Real competency, he said, requires experience, and experience cannot always be found in the classroom. "We will be asking support, involvement, placement opportunities... from the community. It is quite important that the schools, in turn, be prepared to share their facilities, expenses, and resources with that wider community."

Hornbeck said two recently initiated pilot programs of the board, one a reading improvement program and the other a program for disruptive youth, would be integrated into the basic program. He also called for

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Elected President Of Fire Co. I

The Rev. R. Kent Hall, pastor of Taneytown and Middleburg United Methodist Churches, was installed as President of the Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, on Dec. 20, at the Company's annual banquet. Installed in office along with Rev. Hall were: John Skiles, vice president; Charles E. Barnhart Jr., secretary; Harry B. Dougherty Jr., treasurer; James Carl, financial secretary; Earl K. Lookingbill, chief and Charles Welk, trustee.

The line officers of the company are: Wayne Staley, first assistant chief; Maurice Parrish, second assistant chief; Donald Shoemaker, third assistant chief; and Michael Glass, fourth assistant chief. Ambulance officers appointed by the executive committee are: R. Kent Hall, captain; James Parker, first lieutenant; Charles E. Barnhart Jr., second lieutenant.

The Rev. Eugene R. Ackerman, Pastor of the Taneytown and Emmitsburg United Presbyterian Churches, conducted the Company's Memorial Service for deceased members, John Edward Shorb, Edwin Baumgardner, Gus Shank and Thomas Tracey.

An award for Meritorious Service was presented to fireman Glenn Dayhoff, for his heroism in saving the life of a fellow-worker in an underground fire at Trinity Lutheran Church on Oct. 2, 1976. Other awards were presented to Kenneth Clem, President 1974-76; James Salley, Chief 1973-76; and Arvin Bollinger, financial secretary, 1976. The 10 firemen

responding to the most fire calls and ambulance calls were also recognized.

The officers of the Junior Fire Company were installed as follows: Glenn Haines, president; Charles Lookingbill Jr., vice president; Gordon Drury, secretary; Terry Lookingbill, treasurer; Mike Fowler, captain; Joe Fowler, lieutenant. The Junior Fire Company Fireman of the Year Award was presented to Mike Fowler, by Michael Clapsaddle, the advisor.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of several checks for the

Building Fund. Checks were presented by Mervyn Fuss, from the Taneytown Bank and Trust Company, \$1000; R. Kent Hall, from a recent fire company project, \$2,198.90; and the surprise of the evening, from Catherine Baker, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, a check for \$10,500.

The work of the company will continue since the men will be meeting on Jan. 3, 1977, to vote on the purchase of a new engine that will cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000, with delivery date sometime late in 1977 or early 1978.

Minimum Wage Rises

Employees currently subject to a \$2.20 minimum wage will be entitled to \$2.30 beginning January 1, 1977.

Harvey A. Epstein, Maryland Commissioner of Labor and Industry said, "Most employees are already entitled to the \$2.30, but employees currently subject to \$2.20 are those individuals who were brought under the protection of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act in 1967 or later."

Employment categories effected by the increase include: Laundry and dry cleaning establishments; construction enterprises with a gross annual business volume of less than \$350,000; Private hospitals, nursing

homes, hotels, motels, restaurants and certain other enterprises with an annual gross sales of at least \$250,000; All branches of a chain store, if the enterprise as a whole grosses at least \$250,000 annually (ending a current exemption for individual chain stores grossing less than \$200,000); and household domestic workers.

In addition, farmworkers covered by a current \$2.00 minimum wage will be entitled to \$2.20 an hour January 1st, with a subsequent increase to \$2.30 on January 1, 1978.

For more information write Division of Labor and Industry, Employment Standards Service in Baltimore.



Mrs. Lucille K. Beale, left, Emmitsburg R. 2, received the John Campanius Holm Award for her 20 years of volunteer weather observation for the National Weather Service. The certificate was presented during the Veterans' Day assembly at Fairfield High School. A home

economics teacher at the high school, Mrs. Beale received the award before the student body. It was presented by: Fred Davis, Arthur Snider and William I. Pogerman, officials of the NOAA Weather Service offices in Baltimore and Silver Spring, Md.