



Most Anything At A Glance

- By Abigail -

Well...here we are, already well into 1977. I saw many of my friends over the past holidays, and everyone agreed that this holiday season was the best ever. I'm now looking forward to 1977 being even better than 1976.

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What with all the organizations having dances, bazaar's, bake sales, etc., I thought it would be a good idea if we had a community calendar, so that folks could plan their activities and be sure that no one else was scheduled for something at the same time.

So, if you folks out there would schedule your events at least a month in advance, the staff at the Chronicle will put together a community calendar which they will publish at the end of the month with activities scheduled for the next month. That way you can cut it out, keep it for the month, and know what exactly is happening on what day.

Before the last week of January, bring your schedule of activities, meetings, and anything else pertinent into the Chronicle office and they will get February's Community calendar ready for publication in the last paper of the month.

There is so much going on around the town, I think this will help avoid confusion. Every once in a while, I do have a good idea, folks!

I just received the schedule of dances for the Vigilant Hose Company for the year. So while I'm still on the subject of a calendar, here are their events:

All the following will be held at Mother Seton School: Feb. 19—"Bush Creek Country"; Mar. 26—"Country Shadows"; Apr. 23—"Home Cooking"; May 28—"Cajun Country"; Oct. 22—"Life Sentence"; Nov. 19—"Country Stars"; and a New Year's Eve Dance '77 will be held at Mt. St. Mary's.

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In the mail, I received a map from the American Automobile Association that would be very interesting to all of you. It lists all the hospitals in Maryland, emergency numbers for each county, and emergency treatment information in case of a highway accident.

Actually the Maryland Hospital Association put the map out through the AAA for its members, but I think it would help all of us, if we had it in our glove compartment in our cars when traveling.

If you were in an unfamiliar part of the state, could you find the nearest hospital in case of emergency? Chances are you probably wouldn't know where to look for the hospital, so try to get one of these maps...keep it handy and use it when you need it.

Weather

By Lucille K. Beale

Week of December 25-31

Date	High	Low	Precip.
25	31	12	
26	37	18	.12
27	33	18	.05
28	34	16	
29	32	18	
30	29	2	
31	27	16	

Gas Co. To Reduce Rates

The Maryland Public Service Commission announced it has ordered Frederick Gas Company, Inc., to reduce rates effective January 1, 1977 and to refund approximately \$300,000 (Exact amount is not known at this time as total sales for the period November 14, 1975 through December 31, 1976 are not yet available.) as credits to customers bills over a twelve month period beginning in January 1977.

The reduced rates and related refund are a result of a final ruling by the Commission on the level of sales volumes reflected in the rates which were authorized on November 14, 1975, subject to further order of the Commission.

The annual effect of the reduced rates to an average residential heating customer who uses 1360 therms per year will amount to \$19.69; for a residential non-heating customer using 260 therms per year, the reduction will amount to \$2.86 annually. Additionally, the estimated amount of refund to the average residential heating customer is \$26.26 and for the average residential non-heating customer \$4.04.

The Commission also announced acceptance of the Company's proposal to pass along to customers refunds received from its gas suppliers. These refunds are made under the Company's Purchased Gas Ad-



James E. Fitzgerald, 1977 March of Dimes Chairman, and Robbie Byrne,

Frederick County March of Dimes Poster Boy.

Support The March Of Dimes

Sometimes, having too much of a thing can lead to heartbreak!

Robbie Byrne was born with one extra chromosome -- 47 instead of the normal 46. He was born with Down's Syndrome -- some of us call it Mongolism -- one of the birth defects now being researched for hopeful extinction by the National Foundation-March of Dimes.

A beguiling four-year-old with a ready smile, Robbie has been chosen by the Frederick County Chapter of the March of Dimes as its poster boy for the 1977 campaign which continues through the month of January.

"In other words," explained James E. Fitzgerald, chairman of the drive here, "Robbie represents all those youngsters in Frederick County who have been born with birth defects."

"Each year 200,000 babies in the United States are born with a range of afflictions, including mental retardation, blindness, deafness, missing limbs, defective blood cells and, like Robbie, body chemistry and chromosomal disorders."

"March of Dimes contributions not

only used locally, but are used by the National Foundation in its mission to lead, direct and unify the fight to prevent birth defects and, until that fight is won, to alleviate their destructive consequences," Fitzgerald continued.

Robbie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Byrne of Mt. Tabor Road in Middletown. They have two other children, Stacy Lynn, 7, and two-year-old Timmy. Unlike their brother, both youngsters were born free of birth defects.

"That is part of the challenge," Fitzgerald said. "You never know when a heartbreaking situation will strike. However, for children like Robbie, children who are born with birth defects, the March of Dimes stands ready with programs of patient aid."

He said that contributions to the March of Dimes enables the Frederick County Chapter to continue to help patients like Robbie, and to educate the public toward safer pregnancies, as well as to purchase equipment to insure safer deliveries.

Emmitsburg Supports Tax Protests

Officials of the town of Emmitsburg have added their support to protests against rising property assessments while stating specific opposition to the current "fair market value" assessment formula.

J. Norman Flax, town council member, in speaking for other members of the town council, said Sunday basing property assessments on market values penalizes elder citizens and others who have no intention of selling their properties.

Meanwhile, as Emmitsburg joins other county towns in expressing dissatisfaction with ongoing assessment increases, De. Charles E. Smith said work is progressing on a county-wide meeting and specific information on the forum between elected officials, tax assessors and the public will be forthcoming.

"Our assessments went up by as much as 30 per cent here last year," Flax reported, "but they have only gone up about 7 or 8 per cent this year."

Town Mayor, Richard Sprankle has reported several citizen inquiries concerning the rising assessments and Emmitsburg's role in any protest movement. "He wanted to be sure people know we are not just sitting back -- that we share the views of the other town officials around the county on this issue," said Flax, who serves as town office manager.

"We're not against progress up here, but we feel we have got to control growth in this county. Letting growth spread out all over the place will cost

us all more money," said Flax.

Flax said the rising cost of government, partly precipitated by an expanding county population, is especially difficult on small towns in the county.

"We haven't raised our tax rate (70 cents) since 1959 because of the windfall we receive from the rising assessments," said Flax, who prepares Emmitsburg's annual budget. "But if we did, you would really hear the taxpayers holler."

He couldn't say whether Frederick county government was overspending or not, but did say most small town governments probably needed more money than they now have, if only to meet the costs of needed sewer and water service.

"If it wasn't for Revenue Sharing, we wouldn't make it," he said.

Last week, town officials from seven other county towns expressed concern over the rising assessments and the increasing Frederick County budget. Large assessment increases have been reported only in the Urbana and Burkittsville regions while officials from all over the county have urged on the assessment protests as a cry against government spending.

"Something has got to give soon," he said about the rising assessments. "Some elderly citizens and widows are having a hard time meeting all their bills and, with more services always being needed from government, it won't be easy to keep down taxes."

It was his experience, Flax said, that

the circuit breaker rebates to elderly citizens was not effective enough in some cases and not fair to others in other cases.

Lumen Norris, a local resident who once sought office to the House of Delegates has been the local tax assessor supervisor for 18 years.

Norris agrees some changes may be needed in the tax laws to relieve the increasing burden of escalating taxes, and says he doesn't blame people for protesting. However, he says that if people want to protest rising taxes, they should go to the local and state elected officials. They're the ones who spend the money.

He says that very few people who come in to protest their increased assessments actually protest the value that is placed on the home. Locally, tax assessments have increased in each of the 18 years Norris has been a taxman. His job, he says, is simple to estimate the current market value on property. Increases should be blamed on inflation and rising real estate prices, not the taxman.

In 1958, when Norris took up his challenging and thankless task, the county's total residential assessment was below \$100,000. Now, in 1976, it surpasses \$1/2 billion.

Today, all assessment officials are professionally trained and must adhere to both Maryland Tax Law and the State Appraisal Manual. Each year, Norris and his staff physically inspect at least one-third of all the properties in the county. Assessments on the other two-thirds of properties are determined by market indicators, comparisons with the physical inspections and, if no other factors are available, on replacement costs.

"We make mistakes; we have to; it's a difficult thing to appraise a property from the outside and be right in every instance when you look at thousands of properties a year," admits Norris.

That is why the appeal process and hearing has been written into the state tax laws. Each property owner has the right to request a review of his reassessment.

Norris has a sound defense against all protesting taxpayers.

"Almost all of our assessments are at least two or more years behind the current market value because we use last year's market indicators to assess next year's tax bases," he says.

The key, he says, is to continue to strive for uniformity so that all citizens equally share their portion of the county tax burden.

Notice

The Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30 P.M.

Town Must Make Improvements

The regular meeting of the Emmitsburg Town Council took place on Monday evening and the Commission was informed that the Maryland Water Resources Administration has refused to allow a time extension for sewer system improvements unless certain improvements that have been planned were made. These modifications required by the state for compliance must be presented by January 15, according to a letter received from the Water Resources Administration.

Commissioner J. Norman Flax told the Town Council that the local crew had already made some of the improvements and that others were planned for next week at the sewer treatment plant.

Unless the state gives the time extension on any modified plan of compliance, the enforcement arm of the WRA will take over.

In other action:

The council agreed that it would be good if some of the town employees would take a ten-week training course in sewer plant management at Frederick Community College.

The problems of parallel parking near St. Joseph's High School was discussed.

The Council advocated the shared use by other community groups of kitchen facilities in the community center now being used by the Senior Citizens.

The problem of snow removal on the south side of Main Street was discussed.

It was learned that the free parking on meters over the Christmas holidays hurt, rather than helped local businesses.

Rainbow Lake will be stocked by the State Fisheries agency. Fishing is allowed in the lake by permit only.

Christmas lights will be removed from town.

Hoffman To Lead County Radio Operators

Mr. Paul C. Hoffman, K3EUG, De Paul St., P.O. Box 215, Emmitsburg, Md., 21727 has been selected to lead an organization of Frederick County, Md., amateur radio operators prepared to furnish organized emergency communications in time of disasters, it was announced by Communications Manager George Hart of the American Radio Relay League, U.S. and Canadian

association of radio amateurs.

Mr. Hoffman's assignment, which carries the title of Emergency Coordinator of the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, is to band together members of the amateur radio service in his community to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communication by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. In addition to use of fixed

radio station equipment working from commercial power, amateur stations use self-powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment as needed and can often deploy portable and mobile units to accommodate a particular emergency requirement. Mr. Hoffman as ARRL Emergency Coordinator, will call local meetings of amateurs, establish common operating procedures, and arrange regular drill periods when the hams' personal stations may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions. His duties also include liaison planning with relief and public welfare agencies, as suggested in working understandings the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Corps has with the Red Cross, Civil Defense, and other agencies. Liaison will be established also with local protective

services, such as fire and police departments.

In announcing the appointment, Hart pointed out that radio amateurs have traditionally had the responsibility of being in constant readiness to offer assistance in time of need with ham-acquired skill, emergency-powered transmitters and a wealth of community spirit. "When sleet storms disrupt telephone and telegraph service, or floods isolate whole communities," the League's Communications Manager said, "it is amateur radio that comes to the

rescue with operators and self-powered equipment, often as the sole agency able to transmit messages calling on the outside world for aid for the stricken community."

"To be prepared for this function required not only a highly organized program of preparedness locally," Hart continued, "but hams outside the disaster area must be prepared to act as outlets and relay points for emergency traffic. Planning and organization are necessary in either eventuality and that is the job Mr. Hoffman is doing for this area."

Two Pass Away

Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. received word that over the holidays two distinguished members of the clergy passed away. The Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow, retired Bishop of Natchez-Jackson, Miss., and an alumnus of the college and seminary, passed away on December 20. The Very Rev. Francis X. Desmond, C.M., former rector of the seminary and a member of the Vincentian Fathers, passed away on December 28.

Bishop Gerow, who was the oldest of the six living Mountaineer Bishops, was 91 years of age. Although he had retired in 1966, he remained active until the time of his death according to word received from his successor, Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini. Bishop Gerow graduated from Mount Saint Mary's College in 1904 with a bachelor of arts degree. He also received a master's degree in 1906. As a young seminarian he was selected to study at the North American College in Rome where he received a doctorate in sacred theology and was ordained in 1909.

He was a native of Mobile, Ala., and in 1924 was consecrated as the Bishop of Natchez, later renamed as the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, the position he held until his retirement in 1966.

He was active in the civil rights

movement in the south in the sixties and a leader in Church reform. His special hobby was making sundials; one of which was placed in the national headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mount Saint Mary's honored her distinguished alumnus in 1957 conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

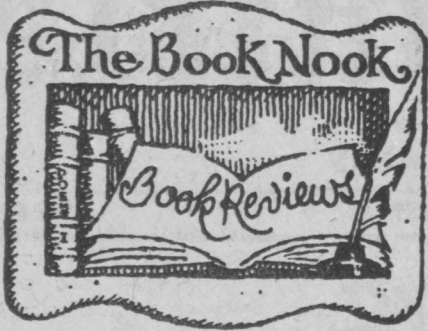
Very Rev. Francis X. Desmond, who served as rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from 1942-1948, died Tuesday, December 28. He had been stationed as a member of the faculty at St. John's University on Long Island, N.Y., from where he was buried on December 31.

Father Desmond studied for the priesthood at St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Pa., and the Collegio Angelico in Rome. He served on the faculty of St. Vincent's Seminary after his ordination and was later appointed rector of the seminary at Niagara University.

He came to Mount Saint Mary's in 1942 serving as rector during the influx of veterans from World War II. After leaving the Mount he served as chaplain at the State Correctional Institution, Jackson, Mich. In 1953, Mount Saint Mary's honored Father Desmond for his years of service with an honorary doctor of laws degree.



Fountain Square looking East, Emmitsburg, before 1918



Journey
By Robert Massie
and Suzanne Massie

Reviewed by
Shirley F. Topper

This narrative is so truly amazing that the reader is left awestruck! The question then comes to mind: if placed in such circumstances as the Massie family found themselves, how many of us could respond to the challenge with such fortitude, perseverance and ability to win out over so many obstacles? Perhaps the best answer to that would be to say that there are many sources of strength to be discovered by those who are not easily vanquished. One of these sources, of course, are the people who care enough to lend their sympathetic,

generous support during such trying times. The various aspects of this remarkable "journey" are recounted alternately throughout the book by the three people who shared it together: father, mother and son. The son, Bobby Massie, a hemophiliac, is now enjoying a full and satisfying life as a college student, after a long and arduous struggle. His parents' courage and resourcefulness, their spirited outlook on life, helped him to achieve the psychological strength and buoyancy that has sustained

him through those years. The family's lives were enriched by their daring to live fully and refusing to be hampered or incapacitated. As they journeyed along their tortuous, difficult road, they gained many new and valuable insights that increased their understanding of themselves and other people. This treasure-trove of hard-won knowledge has now been passed along in their extraordinary book, for the benefit of others.

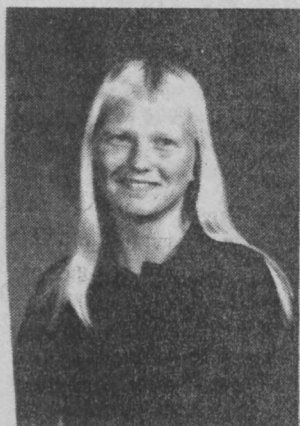
This book is available at the Emmitsburg Public Library.

Christmas Choral Concert Successful

By Donna Needy

Mrs. Gail Slezak and her Junior and Senior High Chorus presented their eighth annual Christmas Concert to a full auditorium on Monday, December 20 at 8 p.m.

The Concert titled, "The Many Sounds of Christmas" featured such Christmas favorites as "Away In a Manger," "What Child Is This, Do You Hear What I Hear", and a Christmas medley of songs like "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bell Rock, Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."



Carolyn Diehl

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Diehl, Emmitsburg, Route 1, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Jr. Diehl, to Michael Wastler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Wastler, Federal Ave., Emmitsburg.

Miss Diehl is presently going to Catocin High School and is employed at Tropical Winds. Her fiancé went to Catocin High School and is presently in the Navy and is employed at Freeman Shoe Company in Emmitsburg. No date has been set for the wedding.

The Concert featured not only the Junior and Senior Chorus but also the beginning and advanced handbell classes. The handbell classes, directed by Mrs. Slezak, added a special Christmas sound to the whole evening.

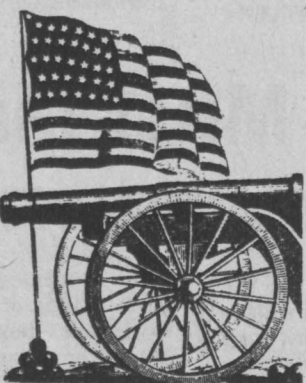
The Senior High Chorus was lead by Mrs. Slezak in the finale, "The Halleluyah

Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah". Following that the audience joined the chorus for a verse of "O Come, All Ye Faithful." A silver collection was taken up afterward, which was only right, because the Chorus had left the people with hearts filled with the true and most beautiful meaning of Christmas.

News

Airman First Class Gary F. Portner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Portner of 124 W. Main St., Thurmont has arrived for duty at Howard AFB, CZ.

Airman Porter, a vehicle mechanic with a unit of the Tactical Air Command, previously served at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. The airman graduated from high school in 1972.



Donna L. Rentsel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. J. Eyler, of Emmitsburg, and Henry L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry Miller, Route 2, Thurmont, were married recently in Elias Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg. Rev. Ronald Fearer performed the double-ring ceremony. Carlyn Eyler was organist, and played traditional wedding music.

The bride, given in Marriage by her father, was attired in an ivory organza

Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Miller

Married

gown trimmed with Venice lace with mandarin neckline and butterfly sleeves with an attached chapel train. Her bouffant veil of English illusion fell from a headpiece of petals trimmed with seed pearls and venise lace. Her only jewelry was a silver cross, gift of the groom. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses, miniature pale pink carnations cascading with ivy.

Tom Davis of Thurmont was best man. Ushers were James Eyler, of Emmitsburg, and Rony Rentsel of Gettysburg, Pa.

A reception followed at the VFW in Emmitsburg. The couple took a brief honeymoon to Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

pink gown trimmed with ruby velvet and wore a ruby velvet bow in her hair. Her nosegay was variegated pink miniature carnations and ivy.

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Tips To Prevent Snow Blindness

One of the most serious threats to weekend or vacationing skiers is snow blindness, but it can be prevented says the Maryland Optometric Association.

Although usually temporary, snow blindness can impair vision sufficiently to cause accidents, particularly driving accidents, and in some cases can result in permanent eye damage, says Dr. Harold S. Glazier, the group's president. Skiers can prevent it, however, by wearing proper sunglasses or tinted goggles.

"Snow blindness is the bleaching out of the eye's retina to the point where the eye cannot adapt normally to indoor and night lighting levels," Dr. Glazier said. "It

is caused by exposure for a few hours to glare created when the sun hits the snow."

He said it could be compared to the effect on the eyes of viewing a flashbulb popping. With snow blindness, the impaired vision lasts longer because it takes much more time for the eye to recover from the bright glare.

There are different types of sunglass lenses skiers can choose to prevent snow blindness. These are available in ready-made ski goggles, as well as in the special goggles available for skiers wearing prescription lenses.

Those who spend most of their time on the slopes—such as ski instructors—will want a

tinted, impact-resistant glass lens that screens out both ultra-violet and infrared rays. Not all glass lenses do this so it pays to ask before purchasing the lenses, Dr. Glazier said.

Most weekend or vacationing skiers, however, will be adequately protected by quality plastic or glass tinted lenses that do not screen out infra-red rays. Plastic lenses are lighter and more impact-resistant than glass, a plus for skiers who have a tendency to fall on the slopes or to tangle with brush and trees. Most ready-made ski goggles have plastic lenses.

The best color for tinted lenses is medium or dark gray, Dr. Glazier said, because it does not interfere with color perception. Medium or dark shades of green are satisfactory but they distort color perception somewhat.

He cautioned skiers to be certain their sunglass lenses are dark enough to screen out about 75 to 90 percent of available sunlight.

Many expert skiers find it necessary to change density of color while skiing in order to combat changing light conditions. For this reason, pros often carry several pairs of goggles with different tints or goggles with interchangeable filters

to enable them to read the terrain accurately and to compensate for flat light conditions. For the latter, yellow-tinted lenses may heighten contrast, Dr. Glazier says.

Coated sunglass lenses that have a mirrored look are designed primarily for wear under intense glare situations and are a good choice for skiers, the Maryland Optometric Association optometrists said.

Another lens effective against glare is the polarizing lens, although the tilting of the head can reduce its effectiveness.

Some skiers may find the photochromic or sun-sensitive sunglass lenses—which can change density, going from light to dark and vice versa—adequate on the slopes. This sunglass lens screens out about 80 percent of the light at maximum, however, Dr. Glazier cautions, cold temperatures do slow down the darkening process.

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Zip Column

The Washington at Princeton stamp, which went on sale yesterday, commemorates the 200th anniversary of the victory by General George Washington's forces which ended the successful New Jersey Campaign.

The Battle of Princeton marked the culmination of what has been called "The Ten Crucial Days" of the American Revolution. Starting with the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776, General Washington, through a combination of remarkable leadership and great personal courage on his part and of his officers and men, gave the cause of the American colonies the encouragement so badly needed to ensure the continuance of the struggle for independence.

The stamp design is based upon a 1779 portrait by Charles Willson Peale, who

fought at Princeton as a first lieutenant with the Philadelphia militia.

The United States Postal Service has accepted a consent agreement from Today's Policeman/Today's Fireman with offices located in Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota, under which the firm is to immediately discontinue questionable claims in its advertising sales program.

After an investigation by the Postal Inspection Service, the company was cited in a complaint issued by the Postal Service Law Department's Consumer Protection Office in February 1976. It alleged that the firm was using false representations in the sale of the publication's advertising space.

George E. Rosensteel
Postmaster

Pitch For More Viewers

The battle for an ever-increasing share of the television audience is no longer only the mission of the three commercial networks.

Sunday TV magazines of the Washington Star, Washington Post, Baltimore Sun and Baltimore News American all carry full page ads promoting UHF viewing.

The ads were the combined purchase of the seven independent commercial and public stations in the Washington-Maryland market.

The UHF channels are making a strong pitch for viewers at a time when the commercial networks are being criticized for the violence on many of the programs and the quality of this year's schedule. This coupled with the increased ease of UHF tuning and variety of programming has brought the group together for a well timed information blitz.

All television sets manufactured since 1964 have

UHF capability. Since 1975, all sets have had numbered click-stop tuning for each channel just like VHF, plus greatly improved UHF tuners.

The main thrust of the well illustrated ads in the Sunday papers is that UHF tuning is easy, it does not take an expensive outdoor antenna to receive the signal, and if you don't use the UHF tuner portion of your TV set you are missing over half of the TV stations in the area, with some of the best programs.

UHF television stations say that stories of poor reception are more an early television era myth than a fact, but actually improving reception is in many cases a small do-it-yourself job. Public TV stations across the country have available brochures with detailed drawings showing the proper way to connect a UHF antenna. Types of antennas best suited for apartments, how they should be mounted, plus tips on how to connect several sets to one antenna.

New Name For Green Stamps

The Sperry and Hutchinson Company, known for 80 years for its S & H Green Stamps, is re-naming the corporate division that includes its S & H Green Stamp service and other promotions. "S & H Promotional Services" will be the new designation for operations that include trading stamps, other retail promotions, business incentives, mail order sales and bank promotions.

Division president Norbert V. Osterland said "Green Stamps were the basis on which the division was built and remain the core of its business, but the successful development of other promotional services has made a new name appropriate."

"We realized for a long time that we would eventually need to call ourselves something else, but our entries into other sales areas had to mature first. Now they have," Osterland said.

S & H Green Stamps, he said, provided the bulk of

1975 sales of \$255 million. More than 16,000 retailers currently use stamps. S & H operates six regional distribution centers and more than 500 redemption locations to serve the 20 percent of U.S. households that save its stamps.

In addition to S & H Green Stamps, S & H Promotional Services includes: S & H Motivation and Travel, Inc., one of the nation's largest suppliers of motivational programs to industry; S & H Financial Promotions, the second largest supplier of promotional programs exclusively for the financial community; S & H Continuities, largest supplier of merchandise promotions to the supermarket industry; and S & H Sperry's.

marketing services such as gift catalogs, billing and packaging inserts, and direct mail programs for clients with large lists of credit-qualified customers.

Sperry and Hutchinson, the parent company, is itself also diversified, and includes nine furnishings companies, plus banking, retailing, insurance and health care interests. Consolidated sales and revenues in 1975 totaled \$559 million.



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A New Cancer Study Launched

A nationwide study, headquartered in Baltimore, has been launched to determine the most effective treatment for mycosis fungoides—a type of life-threatening cancer that first appears on the skin.

Dr. Stanford I. Lamberg, associate professor of dermatology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and chief of the Division of Dermatology at Baltimore is directing the \$182,000 project, funded by the National Cancer Institute and the National Program for Dermatology. The two-year clinical phase of the study, in which various anticancer agents will be used to treat patients with the disease, has begun after two years of preparation.

According to Dr. Lamberg, the national study is necessary because mycosis fungoides is so uncommon that there are not enough patients with the disease in any one American city to assess adequately the

effectiveness of a particular treatment. Consequently, doctors were making no progress in determining which treatments work the best.

A total of 18 medical centers throughout the United States are cooperating with Hopkins in the study. Some 400 patients with mycosis fungoides have been enrolled in the study since it was started two years ago.

Mycosis fungoides, which can be lethal, starts with reddened, itchy patches of skin, progresses through ulcers and tumors, finally invades the lymph glands and internal organs. Patients with the disease usually live for a long time before succumbing to the disease, making evaluation both of the course of the disease, and of therapy, prolonged and complicated.

A national study not only provides a larger group of patients to study, it makes possible the pooling of the medical expertise of the best scientists in the country.

News From Dept. Of Natural Resources

The first complete draft of Maryland's Coastal Zone Management Plan has been finished. The Coastal Zone Unit has pushed early completion to allow a six week period for public review of this first draft.

Comments will be accepted until January 31, 1977. Comments will be taken into consideration and the plan altered where necessary to incorporate citizen concern.

The revised draft will be forwarded to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to begin preliminary review in mid-February.

Copies of the draft document have been sent to all coastal local government planning offices and main branches of the public libraries.

The Coastal Zone Unit will hold an open public meeting to discuss this draft on January 15 at 10 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis.

The Coastal Zone Management unit will also be conducting public hearings on the final draft of the Program Plan in early spring.

Notices of this draft have been mailed to those citizens who have participated in the monthly regional meetings and others on a mailing list compiled in the last two years.

Kenneth Perkins, Director of the Coastal Zone Management Unit, emphasized that public and county government participation are particularly important in this phase of program development.

"The Program that is being developed now will influence the amount of information about and policies proposed for the future of Maryland's Coastal Zone," Mr. Perkins added.

Any comments on the draft Coastal Zone Management Program may be directed to

Coastal Zone Unit, Energy and Coastal Zone Management, B-3, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

Articles on Canada Geese, Maryland mountain "treasure", the Bald-Faced Hornet and wildlife law enforcement are featured in the latest issue of the Maryland Conservationist.

The magazine, official publication of DNR, has been published by the American Association of Conservation Information, to be the fifth ranked conservation magazine in the country. The award was based on content, design, editorial applicability, format, and topicality.

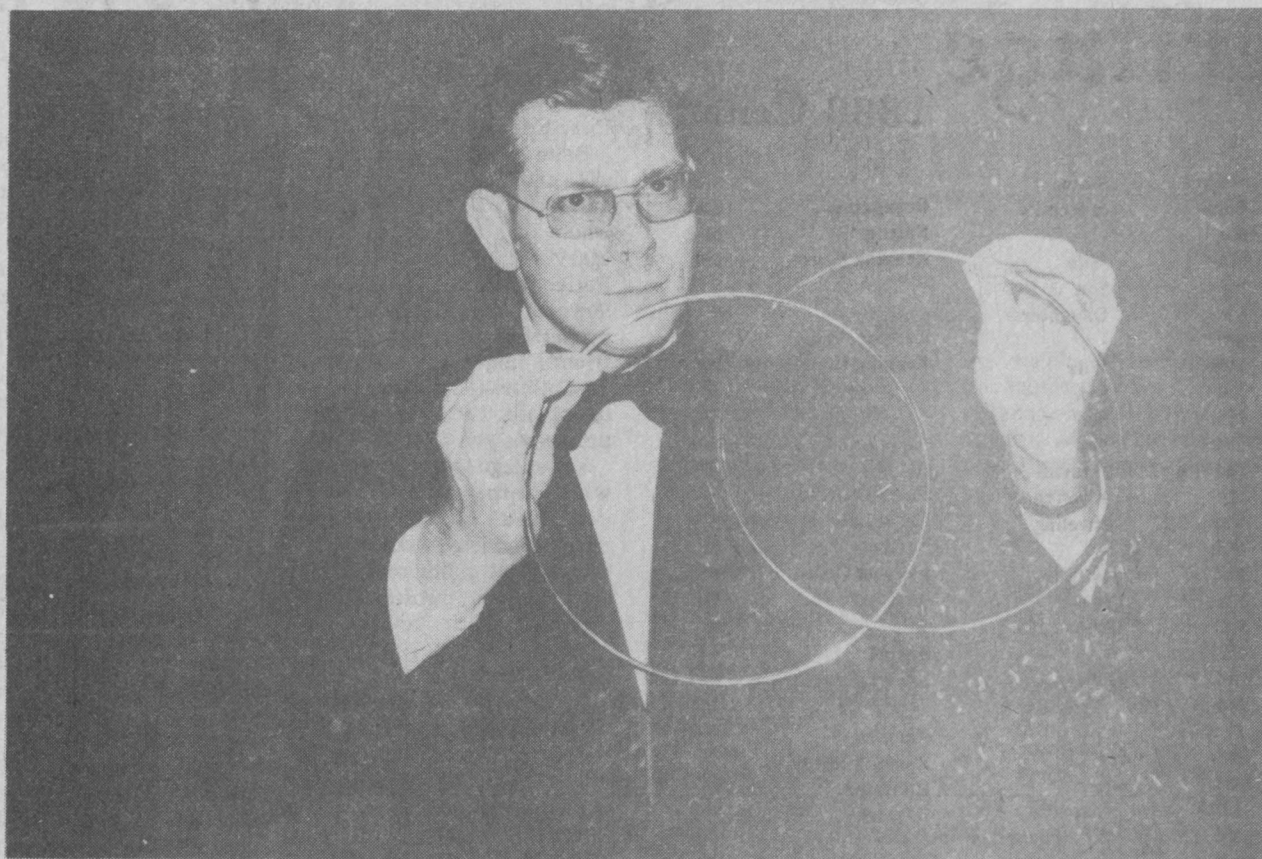
The American Association of Conservation Information is a national organization of State-published conservation magazines and newsletters and regularly rates state conservation publications. Although the Association comprises all fifty states, only forty states publish such a magazine.

Edited by Raymond Kransnick, the magazine is published in Annapolis and can be purchased only by subscription for \$2.00 per year for six issues. For subscription information, write the Maryland Conservationist, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

With about half of Maryland's waterfowl season over, Natural Resources Police report no boating accidents associated with hunting have occurred.

Hunters should be prepared for cold weather which can cause a dangerous condition called hypothermia. That means the body is losing heat faster than it can be produced.

The best precaution against hypothermia of course, is to stay dry and warm.



Although examination shows the solid steel rings to be unbroken, KRUSO links and unlinks them as though there were more genuine magic than sleight of hand involved.

Rocky Ridge News

By Harvey M. Pittenger

Mrs. Dorothy V. Cavell and Linda Best Sheldon and Carrie Marie of Boyds visited Mrs. Cora M. Setherley and family on Christmas Eve.

Three inches of snow fell on Christmas night December 25 and the temperature was 25 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Cavell and son Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cavell, Sheldon and Carrie Marie of Boyds, Mrs. Hilda Wilson and son Robert of Taneytown, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Setherley, Karen and Debbie of Thurmont, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith and son Jeffery, Mr. Guy Pittenger, Mr. Harvey M. Pittenger of Rocky Ridge were dinner guests of Mrs. Charles H. Setherley and family on Christmas day.

Marlene, Becky and Jimmy Brown and friend Chris of Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall and family of Virginia, Mrs. Romaine and Sharon Gruber of Rocky Ridge visited on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Beard and Miss Patty Harris visited on Saturday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keeney, Calvin and Vicky visited Mr. and Mrs. Warden Smith of Taneytown on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Thomas of Littlestown, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Steven Thomas, Tina and Stephanie of Hanover, Pa. spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Setherley.

Cora M. Setherley and family.

Mrs. Charles H. Setherley and son Carl, Mr. Guy Pittenger spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Setherley and family of Thurmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harris and Michael Jr. visited Mr. and Mrs. James Harris on Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney visited Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders and sons Jimmy and Kurt on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders and sons visited the Charles Keeney family on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney visited Mr. and Mrs. John Stately of Keymar on Sunday evening.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lescallier were Mr. and Mrs. John Speak and son John Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Eyer and daughters Lisa, Lynn, Tracy, Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Keeney, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harris and Michael Jr. of Rocky Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Stely and J.B. and Tammy, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lescallier, Annette, J.R. and Steven of Rockville and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Royer of Williams-town, N.J.

Mrs. Cora M. Setherley spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Dorothy Smith.

Two inches of snow fell on the evening of December 26 and the temperature was 18 degrees.

Mrs. Cora M. Setherley and son Carl spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Hilda M. Wilson and family of Taneytown.

Do You Believe In Magic?

Although few people will admit they believe in magic, there are probably none who would say they don't believe in entertainment. At least SFC James D. Robinson, assigned to the U.S. Army 7th Signal Command, hasn't heard any complaints after his demonstrations of how much quicker the hand is than the eye.

Robinson first became interested in magic after watching a performance for his second grade class in elementary school. Later, he served as assistant for several professional magicians and occasionally for Special Services soon after entering the Army.

Today he is well known in magical circles and performs under the name "KRUSO." He is a member of both the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Magicians Alliance of Eastern States, and recently attended the 34th annual Congress of Conjurers in Harrisburg, Pa.

"Magic," says Sergeant Robinson, "is a fascinating art which is often just as entertaining to the performer as to his audience. As children, we imagined that we could fly or say the magic word that would take us far away to a magical land of enchantment. As we grew older, however, we found life to be a rocky road with no such magic word or wand to wave which would help to take away our worldly troubles."

"Some people, in watching a magic performance, are

able to escape, for a few minutes, the real world and go back to those years of fairytale land where the impossible does happen. Others see magic as a puzzle, or challenge, and try to discover the strange craft of the Magi.

"For the magician, it's a hobby which helps him to get his mind off the day-to-day problems at the office; and it keeps his mind, fingers, and hands well-trained and coordinated. That's one reason why many of our greatest magicians today are surgeons, doctors, dentists, lawyers, and electronics men and women!"

Sergeant Robinson believes that magic should be beautiful and fun, but not a demonstration of skill or special abilities, as skill must be completely disguised in order for the illusions to appear to be real magic. His acts include no escapes, mentalism or spiritualism, and a minimum of "card work." His goal is always maximum entertainment with minimum apparatus. This makes it more difficult for the performer, as most of the magic must be done by him instead of by his apparatus.

Asked how he performed a certain illusion, he would only say, "I promised not to tell."

The sergeant is stationed at Ft. Ritchie, Md., where he is a data analyst with the Technical Evaluation Detachment of the 7th Signal Command.

Course On Language

Is your child headed towards reading failure before entering the first grade?

"We know from research studies that language has a powerful effect upon intelligence; the early years when a child is learning to communicate are probably the most important years in his life," says Dr. Howard Orenstein, associate professor of psychology at Western Maryland College.

Language development in children is the subject of one of several graduate courses offered this spring at Western Maryland College's Graduate Center in Frederick.

The course begins on Wednesday, February 9 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Frederick High School. Other graduate courses offered at the area high school include: "Psychology of Personality," "Sociology of the Community," and "Group Dynamics."

"Learning to communicate through speech or sign language is a most complex

and important stage in a child's development. Unlike sitting, standing, and walking, speaking requires a great deal of learning through hearing, imitation and experimentation," says Dr. Orenstein.

Western Maryland offers two graduate degree programs. The master of liberal arts program, one of the newest degree programs initiated by any state college or university, is designed for students holding bachelor's degrees who wish to further study among the areas of cultural heritage, contemporary society, and creative process.

The M.Ed program provides degree programs in nine specialized areas: administration, education of the deaf, guidance, mathematics, media, physical education, reading, secondary education, and special education.

Information on the two degree programs is available from the Director of the Graduate Program, 848-7000, extension 233 or 307.

A Reminder

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland reminded parents that coverage of children under most family contracts continues until the end of the year in which the child reached 19 years of age.

To assure continuous protection, Blue Cross and Blue Shield advise 19 year olds to apply now for memberships of their own. Full-time students at approved schools may convert their present

coverage to the special, low-cost Blue Cross and Blue Shield Student Program.

Mentally retarded or physically handicapped dependent children may remain under the protection of their parent's family membership past age 19 if their parents complete a disability questionnaire and have it signed by their physician.

Students To Visit

Plans were launched last week for a group of 30 Japanese students and teachers to visit Frederick County families, as part of a Japanese Christian Encounter Program jointly sponsored by Hood College and the Catocin Association of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Mary Tatem Williams, an alumna of Hood who has served as a UCC

missionary in Japan since 1950, met with local church members to formulate plans for the program which will involve approximately 30 Japanese visitors. Both Rev. Williams and her husband, Rev. Phillip Williams, teach at Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan. Both are affiliated with the United Church Board for World Ministries.

She initiated the Christian

Encounter Program in 1975 to give Japanese students and teachers in church related schools an opportunity to experience all parts of Western culture first hand.

The visitors will live in church related homes in Frederick County and will take part in English and culture classes at Hood four mornings each week. Although all of the visitors will have studied English for seven to eight years, the visit to Frederick will provide most of them with an invaluable opportunity to practice speaking the language.

Mrs. Mary S. Shriner, Mrs. SMary Stell Shriner, 69, Taneytown died at Annie Warner Hospital on Friday, Dec. 31. She was the widow of Ray A. Shriner and a daughter of the late Oscar D. and Irene Stell Wolfe.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Williams, Virginia Beach, Va., a son, Robert D. Shriner, Taneytown; two grandchildren, and a brother, Fred Wolfe, Emmitsburg.

She was a member of Grace United Church of Christ, Taneytown.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3, from the Skiles

Funeral Home, with her pastor, the Rev. Fred Wenner, officiating. Interment was in Grace United Church of Christ cemetery.

Mr. Nevin C. Jackson Sr.

Mr. Nevin C. Jackson Sr., 74, of Rt. 3, Thurmont, died December 28 at the Frederick Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Born in Frederick County, he was a son of the late Vincent C. and Alice Fogle Jackson. He was a member of the Weller United Methodist Church in Thurmont, the 100F and the Guardian Hose Co. He had been a caretaker at the Thurmont Sportsman Club for many years.

Surviving besides his wife,

Bessie V. Baker Jackson, are four sons, Kenneth L. Jackson, San Diego, Calif.; Roy G. Jackson, Westminster, Roland M. Jackson, Baltimore, Nevin C. Jackson Jr., Lewistown; six daughters, Mrs. Shirley J. Grimes, Buckeystown, Mrs. Delores G. Whipp, Mountaintop, Md.; Martha J. Long, Creagerstown, Mrs. Gloria V. Wetzel, Mt. Airy, Mrs. Frances R. Wachter, Lewistown, Mrs. Donna I. Spade, Mountaintop. 28 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Creager Funeral Home in Thurmont on December 31 by the Rev. Raymond Kingsborough. Interment was in the Weller United Methodist Cemetery, Thurmont.

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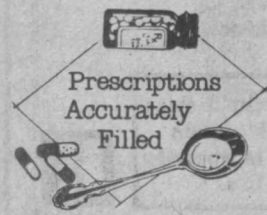
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Name	Household	Color	Sex	Age	Born	Father	Mother	Status	In Family	Occupation	Marital
Agnew, John L.		W	M	25	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Agnew, Margaret L.		W	F	21	Pa.	Pa.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Agnew, Eli H.		W	M	3	Md.	Md.	Pa.	Son			S
Agnew, Mary R. D.		W	F	1	Md.	Md.	Pa.	Daughter			S
Brown, Dennis J.		W	M	26	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Brown, Sarah J.		W	F	28	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Brown, Charles E.		W	M	5	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son			S
Brown, John T.		W	M	4	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son			S
Brown, Howard H.		W	M	2	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son			S
Brown, Bertie M.		W	F	7/12	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter			S
Wert, Henry W.		W	M	17	Md.	Md.	Md.	Hireling		Farm Laborer	S
Stonesifer, Oliver P.		W	M	11	Md.	Md.	Md.	Hireling		Farm Laborer	S
Brown, Jacob W.		W	M	42	Pa.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Brown, Sophia		W	F	32	Pa.	Pa.	Pa.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Brown, Edward F.		W	M	9	Md.	Pa.	Pa.	Son			S
Brown, Samuel G.		W	M	5	Md.	Pa.	Pa.	Son			S
Clerts, John H.		W	M	24	Md.	Pa.	Pa.			Farmer	M
Clerts, Hettie S.		W	F	27	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Clerts, Edna A.		W	F	2	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter			S
Morrison, William B.		W	M	60	Md.	Md.	Scotland			Farmer	M
Morrison, Peninah		W	F	61	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Morrison, George M.		W	M	24	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		Huckster	S
Morrison, Edward G.		W	M	22	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		Farmer	S
Gibson, Ella		W	F	11	Md.	Md.	Md.	Granddaughter			S
Six, Charles		W	M	11	Md.	Md.	Md.	Hireling		Farm Laborer	S
Belason, Virginia		W	F	16	Md.	Md.	Md.	Servant		Servant	S
Crapster, William W.		W	M	38	Md.	Md.	Md.			Retired Farmer	M
Crapster, Elizabeth		W	F	34	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Crapster, William B.		W	M	6	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son			S
Crapster, Alice P.		W	F	5	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter			S
Crapster, Thaddeus G.		W	M	2	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son			S
Ten, Sarah		W	F	13	Md.	Md.	Md.	Servant		Servant	S
Willhide, Miles M.		W	M	37	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Willhide, Levina L.		W	F	42	Md.	Pa.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Willhide, Peter R.		W	M	15	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Willhide, John E.		W	M	13	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Willhide, George N.		W	M	5	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son			S
Treet, Ann		W	F	32	Md.	Md.	Md.	Housekeeper		Housekeeping	S
Sheets, Abraham		W	M	82	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	S
Kanode, John T.		W	M	34	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Kanode, Sarah L.		W	F	36	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Kanode, John H.L.		W	M	14	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Shorb, Priscilla		W	F	9	Md.	Md.	Md.	Servant		Servant	S
Baumgardner, Jacob		W	M	51	Md.	Pa.	Md.			Farmer	M
Baumgardner, Mary E.		W	F	23	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		Keeping House	S
Baumgardner, Jacob M.		W	M	17	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Baumgardner, Daniel E.		W	M	16	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Stansbery, William		W	M	62	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Stansbery, Lydia A.		W	F	46	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Stansbery, Emma R.		W	F	20	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		At Home	S
Stansbery, Anna R.		W	F	18	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		At Home	S
Stansbery, Joshua W.		W	M	67	Md.	Md.	Md.	Brother		Farmer	S
Moser, William L.		W	M	28	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Moser, Sarah E.		W	F	24	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
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Moser, Carrie M.		W	F	4/12	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter			S
Stouffer, Luther M.		W	M	40	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farm Laborer	M
Stouffer, Susan E.		W	F	31	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Marshall, Ann E.		W	F	5	Md.	Pa.	Md.	Niece			S
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Mort, William B.		W	M	23	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farm Laborer	M
Mort, Mary M.		W	F	22	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Cane, Benjamin		W	M	66	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Cane, Mary H.		W	F	39	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
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Ovelman, Hiram		W	M	45	Md.	Md.	Pa.			Farmer	M
Ovelman, Sarah W.		W	F	35	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
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Singer, Sarah		W	F	70	Md.	Md.	Md.	Mother-in-law		Keeping House	W
Hoover, Charlotte		W	F	30	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farm Laborer	W
Welty, James L.		W	M	21	Md.	Md.	Md.			Keeping House	M
Welty, Mary L.		W	F	21	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife			M
Welty, William C.		W	M	1	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		Farm Laborer	S
Mort, William		W	M	46	Md.	Md.	Md.			Keeping House	M
Mort, Mary E.		W	F	46	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Farm Laborer	M
Mort, George W.		W	M	19	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		Housekeeper	S
Mort, Emma L.		W	F	17	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		Housekeeper	S
Mort, Anna N.		W	F	14	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		At Home	S
Mort, Minnie M.		W	F	12	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		At Home	S
Mort, Charles H.		W	M	9	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Mort, Rose L.		W	F	7	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Mort, John E.		W	M	4	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Devilbiss, William A.		W	M	26	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
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Angell, Oliver		W	M	18	Md.	Md.	Md.	Hireling		Hireling	S
Miller, George		W	M	26	Md.	Md.	Pa.			Farmer	M
Miller, Emma Jene L.		W	F	21	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Miller, Helen R. G.		W	F	3	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		At Home	S
Miller, Elmer V.		W	M	5/12	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son			S
Ohler, Hesakiah		W	M	30	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	S
Close, Elijah		W	M	73	Md.	Pa.	Md.			Farmer	M
Close, Susan		W	F	70	Md.	Md.	Md.	Wife		Keeping House	M
Close, Adelaide L.		W	F	37	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		At Home	S
Krise, Elbridge T.		W	M	43	Md.	Md.	Md.			Farmer	M
Krise, Virginia G.		W	F	43	Md.	Md.	Scotland	Wife		Keeping House	M
Krise, William C.		W	M	21	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		School Teacher	S
Krise, Anna B.		W	F	19	Md.	Md.	Md.	Daughter		At Home	S
Krise, David L.M.		W	M	17	Md.	Md.	Md.	Son		At Home	S
Morrison, Harriet		W	F	57	Md.	Md.	Scotland	Sister-in-law			S
Shaw, Effie		W	F	9	Md.	Md.	Md.	Servant		Servant	S
Wasche, William		W	M	12	Md.	Md.	Md.	Hireling		Hireling	S

Dear Editor:

Before any law can become effective, it must be understood by the people to whom it is directed. The Maryland Nursing Home Patient's Bill of Rights however, must also be known by persons whose family or friends might not have the capabilities to follow through to obtain recourse to its provisions.

To safeguard the future well being of persons confined in Maryland nursing homes, I would deem it a distinct public service if you would publish the attached state law as it appears in the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tayback Sc. D.
State Director on Aging
565C. Rights of Patients in skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities.
(Effective January 1, 1976)

(a) Declaration of patient's rights.—It is the intent of the General Assembly and the purpose of this section to promote the interests and well-being of the patients and residents of skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities. It is declared to be the public policy of this State that the interests of the patient be protected by a declaration of a patient's bill of rights and by requiring that the facilities treat their patients in accordance with the provisions of this bill of rights, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Every patient and resident shall be treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of their dignity and individuality;

(2) Every patient and resident shall receive care, treatment and services which are adequate, appropriate, and in compliance with relevant federal and State law and regulations;

(3) Every patient and resident, prior to or at the time of admission and during stay, shall receive a written statement of the services provided by the facility, including those required to be offered on an as-needed basis, and or related charges including any charges for services not covered under medicare or medicaid, or not covered by the facility's basic per diem rate. Upon receiving such statement, the patient shall sign a written receipt which must be retained by the facility in its files;

(4) Every patient shall receive from his attending physician or the resident physician of the facility

complete and current information concerning his diagnosis, treatment and prognosis in terms and language the patient can reasonably be expected to understand, unless medically inadvisable. The patient and resident shall participate in the planning of his medical treatment, may refuse medication and treatment and know the medical consequences of such actions, and shall give prior informed consent to participation in experimental research. Written evidence of compliance with this last provision, including signed acknowledgments by the patient, shall be retained by the facility in its files;

(5) Every patient and resident shall have placed at his/her bedside by the facility the name, address and telephone number of the physician responsible for his care;

(6) Every patient and resident shall receive respect and privacy in his medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly. Those not directly involved in the patient's care must have the permission of the patient to be present. Personal and medical records shall be treated confidentially and the consent of the patient or resident shall be obtained for their release to any individual outside the facility, except as needed in case of the patient's transfer to another health care institution or as required by law or third party payment contract, or to any individual inside the facility who has no demonstrable need for such records;

(7) Every patient and resident has the right to be free from mental and physical abuse, and free from chemical and physical restraints except as authorized by a physician according to clear and indicated medical need.

(8) Every patient and resident shall receive from the administrator or staff of the facility a reasonable response to his requests;

(9) Every patient and resident shall be provided with information as to any relationship of the facility to other health care and related institutions insofar as the patient's care is concerned;

(10) Every patient and resident shall receive reasonable continuity of care which shall include, but not be limited to, what appointment times and physicians

are available;

(11) Every patient and resident may associate and communicate privately and without restriction with persons and groups of his choice on his own or their initiative at any reasonable hour; may send and shall receive mail promptly and unopened; shall have access to waiting instruments, stationery, and postage;

(12) Every patient and resident has the right to manage his own financial affairs. If, at the patient's written request, the facility manages the patient's financial affairs, it shall have available for inspection a monthly accounting and shall furnish the patient with a quarterly statement of the patient's account. The patient and resident shall have unrestricted access to such account at reasonable hours;

(13) If married, every patient and resident shall enjoy privacy in visits by his/her spouse and if both are inpatients of the facility, they shall be afforded the opportunity where feasible to share a room unless medically contraindicated;

(14) Every patient and resident shall enjoy privacy in his/her room, and facility personnel shall respect this right by knocking on the door before entering a patient's room except when the patient or resident is asleep;

(15) Every patient and resident has the right, personally or through other persons or in combination with other, to present grievances and recommend changes in policies and services on behalf of himself or others to the facility's staff or administrator, the State Office on Aging or other persons or groups without fear of reprisal, restraint, interference, coercion, or discrimination;

(16) A patient or resident may not be required to perform services for the facility without his/her consent and the written approval of the attending physician;

(17) Every patient and resident has the right to retain and use his/her personal clothing and possessions where reasonable and the right to security in their storage and use;

(18) A patient or resident

may not be transferred or discharged from a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility except for medical reasons, the patient's own or other patient's welfare, or nonpayment for the stay. If such cause is reasonably believed to exist, the patient or resident shall be given at least thirty (30) days advance notice of the proposed action together with the reasons for the decision and an opportunity for an impartial hearing to challenge such action if the patient so wishes. In emergencies such notice need not be given;

(b) Devolving of rights.—Where consistent with the nature of the right, all of the above rights, particularly as they pertain to a person adjudicated incompetent in accordance with Statute law, or a patient who is found medically incapable by his attending physician, or a patient who is found medically incapable by his attending physician, or a patient who is unable to communicate with others, shall devolve upon the patient's guardian, next of kin, sponsoring agency, or representative payee (except when the facility itself is representative payee) selected pursuant to 205 (j) of the Social Security Act;

(c) Notice to patient.—The policy statement contained in paragraph (a) shall be posted conspicuously in a public place in all skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities. Copies of the policy statement shall be furnished to the patient or resident upon admittance to the facility, all patients and residents currently residing in the facility, and the guardian, next of kin, sponsoring agency, a representative payee of the patient and resident, and receipts for the statement signed by aforesaid parties shall be retained in the facility's files.

(d) Responsibility of administrator.—Final responsibility for implementing all provisions of this section shall rest on the administrator of the facility.

(e) Staff training.—Each facility shall provide appropriate staff training to

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TRUSTEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE ONE STORY
FACTORY BUILDING
CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 7,000 SQ. FEET.
MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS
719 W. MAIN STREET
EMMITSBURG, FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
AND UNIMPROVED DEVELOPMENT PARCEL OF
GROUND COMPRISING 2.8409 ACRES, MORE OR LESS
SITUATED ON EAST SIDE CREAMERY ROAD
EMMITSBURG, FREDERICK COUNTY, MD.
SALE ON RESPECTIVE PREMISES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1977
AT THE TIMES HEREINAFTER MENTIONED

Pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, in Bankruptcy, passed in the Matter of Corman and Wasserman, Inc., Bankrupt, Case Number 74-00169-K, the undersigned Trustee in Bankruptcy will sell at Public Auction as follows:

AT 1:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

719 W. MAIN STREET

This property is improved by a one story concrete block factory building, formerly used for clothing manufacturing, with high ceilings, and heavy power. The lot fronts 60 feet, more or less, on West Main Street with a depth of 163 feet, more or less. For full legal description, see Deed dated September 29, 1948 from Henry H. Springer and Wf. to Loudon Manufacturing Company and recorded among the Land Records of Frederick County, in Liber 477 Page 16. In Fee Simple.

AT 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

EAST SIDE OF CREAMERY ROAD
(APPROXIMATELY 250 FEET SOUTH OF MAIN ST.)

This unimproved parcel of ground comprises 2.8409 Acres, more or less, and fronts 275 feet, more or less, on Creamery Road with a depth of 450 feet, more or less. For full legal description see Deed dated July 15, 1963 from Brookside Dairy Farm, Inc. to Loudon Manufacturing Co., recorded among the Land Records of Frederick County in Liber 688 Page 167. In Fee Simple. TERMS OF SALE: A cash deposit or certified check of \$1,500 on the Main Street property and \$500.00 on the Creamery Road property. Balances to be paid in cash upon ratification of sale by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland in Bankruptcy. Interest to be charged at the rate of 8% from day of sale to date of settlement. All adjustments as of date of sale. The properties will be sold subject to any easements, agreements, restrictions or covenants of record affecting same, if any. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes to be paid by the purchaser. NOTE: Copies of Plats are available at the office of auctioneers.

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Sagner, Stevan & Harris, Solicitors
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Tower Building, Baltimore, Md.
Weinberger and Weinstock, Solicitors
Melvyn J. Weinstock, Solicitor
Court Square Building, Baltimore, Md.
A. J. BILLIG & CO., AUCTIONEERS
16 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202
(301) 752-8440

Asks For A Legislative Task Force

The Executive Director of the Maryland Classified Employees Association has called upon the Governor and the leadership of the General Assembly to create a legislative task force to investigate the growing "pre-paid legal insurance" business.

MCEA Executive Director Edward T. Kreiner, in a letter to Governor Mandel, Senate President Steny Hoyer and House Speaker John Hanson Briscoe, called for a study group to be

formed to determine the value of pre-paid legal insurance.

The MECA has been approached by several companies who are offering the benefits of pre-paid legal insurance. However, the MCEA has decided not to offer its membership a pre-paid legal plan at this time.

Catoctin FFA

The December meeting of the Catoctin FFA Alumni was held recently in lecture hall B at Catoctin High School. President Russell Moser, presided over the meeting with 11 members present.

FFA advisor, Richard Arrington reported on more beef animals are needed for the annual FFA Alumni beef sale held in September, in conjunction with the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show.

The possibility of a new building in the agriculture dept. area was discussed.

Lynn Ausherman will serve as chairman, and committee members Grayson Lambert, Russell Moser, Richard Arrington and Mrs. Pan Pacioti.

Richard Arrington reported on the recent Maryland FFA Alumni meeting. Waskersville Alumni represented the Maryland State FFA Alumni at Kansas City, Missouri in November.

The Catoctin FFA Alumni donated \$50.00 to the Catoctin FFA members to go to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Catoctin FFA members are invited to attend the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, Pa., on January 12.

Calvin Saylor has a hereford calf to give to a FFA member. Patty Hahn will serve as chairman to set up by laws.

The FFA Alumni has suggested an agricultural advisory committee, with Rodman Myers serving as chairman.

The next meeting will be held January 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall B at Catoctin High School.



Farm News

Livestock Feed Program To Be Phased Out

An official from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) reports the Livestock Feed Program, which supplied farmers with low cost feeds in time of disaster, is being phased out.

Francis E. Lookingbill, State Executive Director, of the Maryland State ASCS

Office in College Park, noted that the program relies on commodities held in reserve by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to supply the needed grains for program operation.

Lookingbill said "this reserve which only contained oats in very limited supply has been depleted". The reserve came about by

the surplus farm commodities acquired by the government under the Price Support Loan Program and held in storage over the past several years.

In recent years, market prices have been high enough that farmers have sold their grains on the open market rather than turn over the commodity to CCC under

the support program.

Lookingbill stated that the program phase out will not affect farmers in Maryland at the present time as the program has not been operated in the state over the past several years, due to better than average cropping conditions. What the future holds is anybody's guess, he added.

The ASCS official said

disaster relief will continue to be available under the Hay and Cattle Transportation Programs and under disaster provisions of the Wheat and Feed Grain Program.

Other Government Emergency Programs will be available through the Farmers Home Administration and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

What To Do With The Tree

After the rush and excitement of the holidays, have you thought about what you're going to do with your Christmas tree?

The Maryland Forest Service has a suggestion. Recycle it!

The Buckingham Tree Nursery in Anne Arundel County will gladly accept your tree and recycle it to help grow other trees, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

For the past four years, the Buckingham Tree Nursery located off Rt. 176 in Harman, Md. had accepted used and leftover Christmas trees in especially marked areas to be chipped and placed as mulch on nursery beds, to maintain humus.

Individuals as well as groups are invited to bring their trees to the Nursery Monday, December 27 through Sunday, January 23 (except January 1). Trees will be accepted Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Special arrangements can be made to bring truckloads of trees by calling the Nursery. In past years, apartment complexes, trash collectors and neighborhood trucks have deposited trees to be recycled.

There will be clearly marked areas where trees may be stacked, later to be chipped. Any tree to be

disposed may be brought to the Nursery.

The 130-acre Buckingham Tree Nursery, operated by Department of Natural Resources's Maryland Forest Service produces five to six million seedlings yearly grown from seeds extracted from pine cones collected around the State. Some

seedlings are used for research, others are sold and replanted. The mulch made by chipping the used Christmas trees is useful. It allows a Christmas tree to be a thing of beauty in a home, then a viable factor in the process of renewing one of the greatest natural resources, trees.

Time For Fruit Tree Census

The Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Crop Reporting Service are teaming up to conduct a census of commercial fruit trees in the state.

Questionnaires have been mailed to all known commercial fruit growers by the Crop Reporting Service according to John Witzig, state statistician. Data sought in the census includes numbers of fruit trees by varieties, acreage and 1976 fruit production for apples, peaches, pears, cherries, plums, etc.

Growers are asked to take the time to answer the questions and mail back the forms quickly. All information compiled is treated in confidence and information will not be revealed regarding individual operations.

Richard P. Parsons, director of MDA's Division of Marketing, who is cooperating in the survey says, "It is important to have accurate information on an updated basis concerning the important fruit industry in Maryland. In recent years, apples and peaches alone have accounted for \$9 million of the state's agricultural production. The Maryland tree fruit industry, concentrated to a large degree in Washington and Allegany Counties, produces some 70-80 million pounds of apples and upwards of 23 million pounds of peaches each year."

Any commercial fruit grower who does not receive a copy of the survey is asked to contact Mr. Witzig's office by writing: Maryland Crop Reporting Service, Box AG, College Park, Maryland, 20740, or calling 301-454-3630.

No Payments

No deficiency payments will be made for 1976-crop wheat and barley, according to Francis E. Lookingbill, State Executive Director, Maryland Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

"Legislation provides that deficiency payments shall be made to producers when the National weighted average price received by farmers for the first five months of the marketing year—July-November for wheat and barley—is less than the established 'target' prices for these crops," Lookingbill said.

For the first five months of the 1976 marketing year the National weighted average price received by producers was \$3.08 per bushel for wheat and \$2.412 per bushel for barley. Because this is in excess of the target prices of

\$2.29 for wheat and \$1.28 for barley, there will be no deficiency payments.

Lookingbill indicated that although the deficiency payment determination for barley is made after the first five months of the barley marketing year, any barley payments which might be due in subsequent years will not be issued until after March 1, when the determination is made for corn and sorghum.

Should Register

Maryland Beekeepers are reminded that they should begin the new year by registering their colonies with the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

The year 1977 marks the 60th anniversary of the State's Apiary Inspection Law which mandates yearly registration of all bee colonies.

State Apiary Inspector, John V. Lindner, emphasizes

that registration of colonies continues to be most important in the control of contagious bee diseases as well as justifying the right of the beekeeper to claim losses to his bee colonies from the misuse of pesticides. Such losses are paid under the USDA pesticide bee indemnification program.

Registration of colonies is on a calendar year basis and must be renewed January 1st

of each year. Any beekeeper not receiving a registration application by February 20 should either write to the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industries, Plant Protection Section, College Park, Maryland 20742 or call Mr. Lindner at 454-3848 for an application.

The information requested on the application includes the name and address of the beekeeper, the county where the apiary is located and the number of colonies at each apiary.

Statistics for 1976 show a continued increase in the number of beekeepers as more than 1,025 beekeepers registered 11,295 colonies of bees located in more than 1,300 apiaries. From 1970 to 1976, inclusive, records show that honeybees in Maryland produced more than 2.8 million pounds of honey and 50,000 pounds of beeswax with a combined value of more than 1.4 million dollars.

Honeybees, often referred to as "The Wings of Agriculture", are also indispensable pollinating agents responsible for the production of many fruits and vegetables and many forest trees and other plants.

Goldstein Honored

Louis L. Goldstein, state comptroller, headed a 41-member Maryland delegation of youth and adults attending the 55th National 4-H Congress last week (November 28 - December 2) in Chicago.

A resident of Oakland Hall at Prince Frederick (Calvert County), Goldstein was honored at a dinner on Wednesday night, December 1 as one of eight national winners in the 4-H alumni recognition program.

His Gold Key award and expense-paid trip to the Windy City were sponsored by the Olin Corporation, one of many national supporters of the 4-H program. The eight national winners were selected by professional 4-H

workers in the Cooperative Extension Service at land-grant universities across the nation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

As a youth in southern Maryland, Goldstein was a Calvert County 4-H member for five years, specializing in poultry. He is a graduate of Washington College at Chestertown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and he holds a law degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

In his capacity as Comptroller of the Treasury and a member of the state Board of Public Works, Goldstein is a regular attendee and active participant at meetings of the university's Board of Regents.

Goldstein was elected state comptroller in 1958. He was re-elected in 1962, and he has been re-elected every four years since then, without opposition. A part-time farmer and realtor, he has served continuously in elective state government offices since 1939—except for four years of duty as an enlisted man of officer in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Five other adults accompanied Comptroller Goldstein and 35 Maryland 4-H members to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. They included Richard R. Angus of College Park (Prince Georges County) and Norman G. Smith of the Brinkley area near Ellicott City (Howard County).

Angus is acting assistant director for 4-H and youth activities of the Cooperative Extension Service, and Smith is Extension 4-H and youth state program leader for agriculture. Both are associated with the University of Maryland at College Park.

Two Eastern Shore residents assisted with chaperone duties. They were Loyal C. Reger of Denton, Extension 4-H and youth agent in Caroline county, and Mrs. Bernadine M. Coleman of Elkton, his counterpart in Cecil County.

Also attending the Chicago event was Mrs. Beatrice S. C. Pfefferkorn, who resides near Cooksville, east of West Friendship (Howard County). Mrs. Pfefferkorn has served more than 50 years as a 4-H club member and local 4-H leader in Howard County.

She also spent five years during and after World War II as an assistant Extension agricultural agent in Howard County—the first woman in Maryland to serve in that capacity, and probably one of the first in the U.S.

Mrs. Pfefferkorn's neighbor, E. Scott Glascock, 18, of Cooksville also attended this year's National 4-H Congress in Chicago. He was one of nine 4-H members from throughout the nation to receive \$800 national scholarship awards for leadership from the "Reader's Digest" magazine.

Begins 5th Year

CONSUMER SURVIVAL KIT will begin its fifth year on TV in Maryland Tuesday night at 9:30 on TV 22-28-31-67, exploring a subject of great importance to every person in the state, family medical care.

The premiere show for this season, featuring C.W. McCall of CB radio "Convoy" fame, takes an in-depth look at the need for decent, affordable health care.

The price of health care is rising faster than anything else in the family budget. A typical family of four spent \$82 in 1975 for health care and health insurance premiums.

The half-hour Consumer Survival Kit program will show you how to get the best value for the money you spend on family health.

Host Larry Lewman tells viewers how to evaluate a doctor, Rhea Feikin looks at the health maintenance organization or HMO, Bob Smith shows you how to be a competent patient, and Fran Johansson previews the Consumer Survival Kit family health booklet.

The booklet includes all the information from the show plus additional material on how to select and judge the performance of physicians and hospitals, essential health care for children, how to keep family health records at home, detecting and treating venereal disease, plus many other helpful pieces of medical advice.

Aware that average viewer is not prepared to take copious notes while watching TV prompted the series to produce the booklet on each

subject covered. These booklets provide data on everything covered on the show and offer additional material and reference sources to enable consumers to fully arm themselves on all issues. In the last two seasons, CSK has filled over 500,000 requests for this material.

Many high schools and colleges offer credit level consumer education courses built around the series, using the booklets as texts.

For your viewing convenience, this PBS program is repeated on all the stations every Friday at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

In an overwhelming show of interest in consumer programming, 236 public television stations across the nation signed up to air the 26 programs produced by the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting starting in January 1977. The series is the only weekly consumer service program on national TV.

Letter

(Continued from Page 4) implement each patient's right included in paragraph (a) of this section.

(f) Facilities covered by bill of rights—The provisions of this section shall apply to institutions licensed as skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities under 560.

(g) Issuance of regulations—Regulations implementing the provisions of this section shall be developed jointly by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the State Office on Aging and promulgated within sixty days after January 1, 1976.

(h) Investigation of grievances—The state Director on Aging shall undertake an independent investigation of all grievances concerning skilled nursing facilities or intermediate care facilities presented to the State Office on Aging. Upon completion of his investigation, the State Director on Aging shall report his findings to the complainants, and act in accordance with the duties set forth in Article 70B under the subheading Nursing Homes.

IF YOU THINK YOUR PTA CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HUNGRY CHILDREN, HERE'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.



Eight-year-old Mary kept crying because her stomach hurt. The school nurse thought it might be her breakfast. It was. She hadn't had any.

And Mary wasn't alone. The PTA at Joseph H. Saunders Elementary School found many local children going hungry every day. Their parents left early for work. Couldn't afford breakfast. Just didn't know. Or just didn't care.

So the PTA did something about it. They put breakfast food in the school clinic. Paid for it. Distributed it. And also left money in the school office for lunch. Each day, the children come.

What made the Saunders PTA so effective? For one thing, they're part of the National PTA. An organization that offers information, aid, a voice in government, even sources for funding. But for the most part, it was the people in Newport News themselves who made the difference. They simply got involved. They tried to do something. And they found out they could.

You can do something too. About hungry children, drug abuse, safety, whatever. Call your school office. And join The Today PTA. We are what you make us.



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SALUTE TO FIREMEN

Chief of the Vigilant Hose Company, Eugene Myers.

Last year approximately 12,000 people died in fires across the nation, and the financial losses caused by fires were \$486,540,000. Obviously, fire prevention is a very serious business.

FIREMEN DON'T HAVE A CHANCE

When the fire trucks are delayed 40 seconds, people say: "It took them 20 minutes to get here."

When a truck races at 40 MPH, it's: "Look at those reckless fools."

When four men struggle with an eight-man ladder: "They don't even know how to raise a ladder."

When firemen open windows for ventilation to reduce heat in fighting fire: "Look at the wrecking crew."

When they open the floor to get at the blaze: "There goes the axe squad."

If the Chief stands back where he can see and direct his men, people say: "He's afraid to go where he sends his men."

If they lose a building: "It's a lousy department."

If they make a good "stop" folks say: "The fire didn't amount to much."

If lots of water is necessary: "They are doing more damage with water than the flames."

If a fireman gets hurt: "He was a careless guy."

If a citizen gets hurt: "It's a crazy department."

If a fireman inspects a citizen's property: "He's meddling in somebody's business."

If he wants a fire hazard corrected: It's, "I'll see the Mayor."

If he gets killed and leaves a family destitute: "That's the chance he took when he joined the Fire Department."

As Firemen we have overheard many remarks like these, but we work on regardless, saving lives and protecting your community because, THIS VITAL JOB MUST BE DONE.

Reprinted Courtesy of Chicago Firefighter

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WHEN IT COMES TO
FIRE
DON'T PLAY AROUND!

News Notes

Notice

Dynamics Parents Meeting January 10, 1977 at 7:30 p.m.

Ladies League

Standings as of December 30
Won-Lost
Al's Gals 46-18
Texaco Stars 41-23
Stambaugh's Exc. 35-29
Dull Construction 34-30
Hess, Inc. 33-31
Village Liquors 25-39
Shaft Nuts 28-36
Gearharts Electric 14-50

Team high game: Al's Gals - 533; Team high set: Al's Gals - 1546; Women's high game: Isabelle Spalla - 150; Women's high set: Mary Wetzel - 392.

Food 'N Friends

January 10-14

Monday

Hamburg on roll, potato chips, stewed tomatoes, apple sauce, cookie, milk.

Tuesday

Beef-vegetable stew, creamed lettuce, bread and butter, peaches, cake, milk.

Wednesday

Pizza, cole slaw, cheese stix, green beans, pears, cookie, milk.

Thursday

Chipped ham sandwich, scalloped potatoes, buttered peas, plums, cookie, milk.

Friday

Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwich, pretzel rod, tomato quarters, fruit cocktail, cake, milk.

Applications Available

Applications for the 1977 summer Youth Conservation Corps program are being accepted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Eligible boys and girls 15 through 18 may apply and, if accepted, will work at one of seventeen locations throughout the state at conservation-oriented tasks aimed at improving environmental quality of land and water in the state.

NDR officials said there will be 197 spots for youngsters this summer. There were 161 during the summer of 1976. Deadline for applications is March 15, 1977.

The Department of Natural Resources is the recruiter for the Youth Conservation Corps administered by the U.S. Department of Interior and Agriculture and the State Government of Maryland. The Corps is a program of environmental working-learning. Youth who may be considered for the program must be 15, but not yet 19 (proof of age required). They must have a desire to work in the outdoors and become involved in the development and maintenance of the natural environment and be permanent residents of the United States. They must

have no history of serious criminal behavior

To be selected youth must be physically qualified to participate fully with parental or legal guardian consent to enroll. A social security number and the ability to obtain a State work permit are also prerequisites for application to the program.

They will be paid \$2.30 an hour for a 30-hour week with an additional 10 hours/week devoted to environmental awareness activities. Maryland camps are coeducational. Residential and non-residential camps will be in operation in Maryland.

The duration of most camps is approximately 8 weeks with employment not exceeding 90 days during any single year. Applicants are selected at random by computer to fill the limited number of positions.

If qualifications are met, applications and information are available from school counselors, or by writing Department of Natural Resources, Youth Conservation Corps, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

Shooting your girl? — Photographer offers advice to the camera buff

If a picture is worth a thousand words, amateur photographers often come away feeling about 999 words short with their results, especially when shooting their ladies. Some blame their cameras, some blame the conditions and some even give up. But take heart, camera buffs, help is on the way. Here's sound advice from an expert.

Psychology

"Good pictures depend more on psychology than on mechanics," says Dwight Hooker. "If you can capture what you and the girl feel for each other, you'll have a picture to cherish and be proud of."

Hooker should know, since he makes his living shooting beautiful pictures of beautiful women for *Playboy*. Hooker dismisses complex equip-

ment, preferring to concentrate on planning and caring.

Simplicity

"The simplicity of an Instamatic-type camera lets you concentrate on the feeling you're trying to capture on film," he points out. "If you don't let the camera get in the way, you'll help her become aware of the visual impact she makes on you rather than the visual impact she'll make on the film."

"Take your time," he continues. "Explore several angles and let the girl move naturally. Women have an intuitive knowledge about how to look graceful."

"No girl likes to be photographed when she doesn't feel she's looking her best," says Hooker, "so don't just whip out your

camera and expect to take a good picture."

"Talk to her, let her feel your enthusiasm. Think about how you feel about her, let her know it."

Fill the frame

Before you even begin to shoot, Hooker advises a few things you should keep in mind. "Fill the frame with your subject," he says. "Keep the lighting simple and retain natural settings. You wouldn't shoot a nude in a kitchen, for example, but in a bathtub you might find what you've been looking for."

Hooker advises using a small format camera, keeping the subject relaxed, trying to shoot when there are few, if any people around.

"If you want the perfect setting," says Hooker, "try the beach just before sun-

rise and shoot for about two hours. Early morning light is very gentle and flattering."

Hooker suggests taking along about three or four rolls of film. "Don't be too hard on yourself or expect each shot to be a masterpiece," he says. "When I shoot a centerfold I'm happy if I get one good picture out of a roll with 36 exposures."

Relax!

"Relax and enjoy what you're doing; it'll show in the picture."

"A photo of someone you care for should be memorable," says Hooker. "You should be able to look at the picture and not only enjoy the way the girl looks, you should be able to say, 'Yes, that's exactly the way I feel about her.'"



PLAYBOY PHOTOGRAPHER Dwight Hooker took this picture on Chicago's Oak Street Beach at noon, using a Kodak Instamatic X-15 camera.



SAME GIRL, SAME PLACE, same photographer, same camera — but this time the photographer shot the girl at dawn.

Tips For Driving On Ice

The size car you drive — conventional, compact or sub-compact — makes a difference in stopping and starting on ice. True or False?

"True," says Raymond Prince, secretary of the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards. Citing the committee's latest findings, Prince said that test programs over a number of years have indicated that there is a general relationship between vehicle weight and locked-wheel stopping distances on ice — the heavier the vehicle the longer the distance required to slide to a stop.

"This is contrary to the basic theories of friction and at odds with the reported behavior of vehicles on either wet or dry pavements," Prince reported. "Once a skid starts, vehicle weight shouldn't make a difference. But in the case of vehicles on glare ice, a difference has been well established."

A sub-compact car is likely to require a shorter distance in a panic stop on ice than a compact car. A compact car, in turn, is likely to require a shorter distance than a standard car, according to committee findings.

That's good news for the compact and sub-compact car drivers, Prince pointed out, because stopping distances for the lighter cars can be as much as 25 percent shorter.

"But things aren't all in favor of the smaller car driver," Prince pointed out, because stopping distances "But things aren't all in favor of the smaller car driver," Prince warned. "Once stopped, lighter cars

have notable difficulty getting back into motion once again, particularly at warmer ice temperatures or when ice has become highly polished, such as at intersections."

The tires tested on the three different sized cars were original equipment supplied by the manufacturer. Different tires, with different treads and compounds, could change stopping distances considerably, regardless of the size of the vehicle.

In the order of their effectiveness, Prince listed the following power-to-road traction aids:

Reinforced tire chains — tops for severe snow and ice conditions — four to seven times as much traction as regular highway tires for pulling through deep snow or on glare ice.

Studded snow tires (where permitted) — next best for ice. New studs provide about three times the pull of regular tires.

Regular snow tires — half

again as much pulling power as regular tires in loose snow; but only 28 percent improvement on glare ice. Regular snow tires offer no advantage in stopping on glare ice.

Other suggestions for coping with adverse driving conditions that should be followed regardless of car size were listed by Prince:

1. "Pump" your brakes to slow or stop — don't jam them on. An intermittent pumping action, hard on and full off, keeps the wheels rolling and helps maintain steering control.

2. Keep your windshield and windows clear at all times. Replace streakin wiper blades. Be sure your windshield washer solution contains adequate antifreeze.

3. Slow down and stay well back of traffic ahead on ice and snow-slick roads. You need lots of extra room to maneuver and stop.

4. Have emergency gear handy in your trunk — a must for the driver of any size vehicle.

Funds Allocated

More than \$4,000,000 in federal funds has been allocated, expanding Maryland's Title VII nutrition program for the elderly in every county and Baltimore city.

In making the announcement, Dr. Matthew Tayback, State Director on Aging, said: "This new money, \$4,100,000 is the largest amount ever made available for the Title VII nutrition program and will enable us to set new and record levels of service to Maryland's senior citizens. This program is the most popular of all the aging programs under the Older Americans Act, largely due to its double-bared benefits — adequate nutrition through a well-balanced meal and the opportunity for much needed social contact."

According to Janette Martin, nutrition project director for the Office on Aging, the new allocations will be used in several ways: "The funds will allow an 8.5% increase in the number of participants, thus we will soon be serving 7600 senior citizens a day. In addition to the meals at nutrition sites,

approximately 10% of the funds will be earmarked for home-delivered meals to the frail and disabled elderly. Another portion will be channeled into special projects in Baltimore City,

Prince George's County and Somerset County so that those elderly requiring care

for several hours per day can be accommodated at the nutrition sites."

Personals

Christmas Day visitors at the home of Mrs. Adele Adelsberger were: Mrs. and Mrs. William Dunn, Los Altos, California; Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Adelsberger, Jacksonville, S.C.; Mrs. and Mrs. Gene Adelsberger, Thurmont; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Adelsberger, Hagerstown.

Fleishman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adelsberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Streets, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Engle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mooney, and Mr. and Mrs. William Engle and family, all of Baltimore.

James Buhrman and Jeff Smith of Lantz, Md. and Mrs. James Adelsberger and family of Emmitsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl

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Incarnation United Church of Christ — Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church — Confessions after 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Masses,

Masses Sun. 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist

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Church School 9:30; Worship

10:30 a.m.

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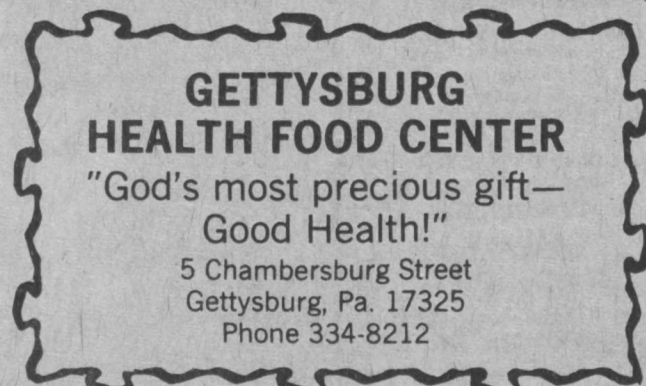
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Wilson Food Corp. Recalls Hams

Wilson Foods Corp. has notified the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that it is voluntarily recalling its 3-

pound size refrigerated "Certified Tender-Made" brand canned hams. They bear the can code "3236D"

from USDA plant number "EST 111". Other sizes or brands of Wilson Foods canned hams and non-canned meat products are not affected by the recall.

Consumers having Wil-

son's 3-lb. canned refrigerated "Certified Tender-Made" brand hams coded "3236D" should return them to the stores where purchased, Department of Agriculture officials said.

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Consumers are asked to return the unopened refrigerated product as a precautionary safety measure since the product may be undercooked. The unopened can may appear swollen; if opened, the product may have an off odor.

Dr. Fred J. Fullerton, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), said that a major concern is that some of the undercooked canned hams may not appear defective to the eye and might possibly be eaten. Improperly cooked pork does have the potential for causing trichinosis, although the incidence of trichinosis is low.

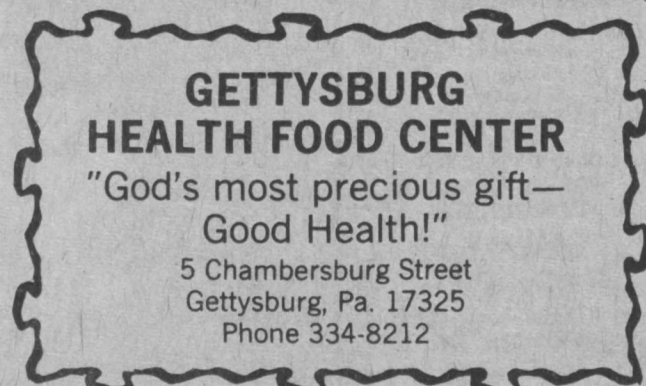
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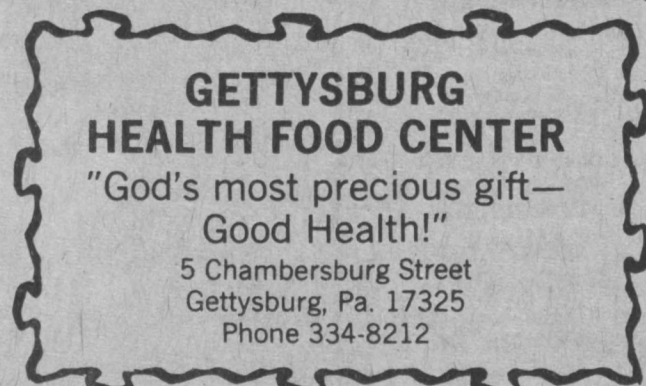
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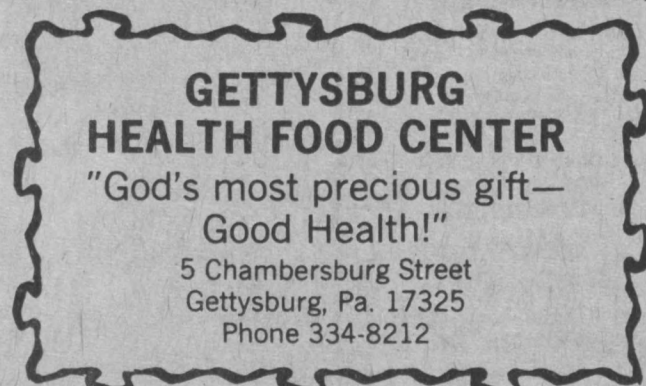
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Linganore Tops St. Joe's 72-53

By Doug Myers
Linganore streaked to a 23-10 first quarter advantage and coasted to a 72-53 victory over host St. Joe's, but the expected championship game between the Lancers and Brunswick never materialized as the Railroaders were beaten by St. James 71-61 in the opening round of the first annual St. Joe's Holiday Tournament, here Tuesday night.

The Lancers will now play St. James in the championship. Utilizing a strong fast break Linganore streaked to an early 8-2 lead and really put the game away early by scoring the final eight points of the first quarter to take a 23-10 lead. Linganore maintained the 13-point bulge through three quarters

and extended it by six in the final frame. Sophomore guard Mike Fossett led the winners with 19 points while brother Ike had 12. Leslie Dorsey 11, and Rob Martens 10. Greg Adelsberger led St. Joe's with 16 points while JHoe Enright added 10.

"I'm pleased with the unselfishness that we had on offense tonight," Linganore coach Ed Wiebel said. "Mike Fossett did an especially good job of getting the ball off to the open man." He had six assists. The win, Linganore's fourth in five starts this season, equals their entire win production of a year ago when the team went 4-20. "We knew that they were

better than us man for man but the only way to get better is to play better competition," St. Joe's coach Clayton Anders said. "We had a good effort, but just not good enough." Linganore dominated the boards: 44-21 NS OURAHOR boards: 44-21 and outshot St. Joe's from the field 53 per cent to 37 per cent. Brunswick led throughout three quarters of their game, but St. James exploded for 31 points in the final frame to come from behind and grab the win.

At one point in the fourth period St. James reeled off 11 straight points to turn a 47-44 deficit into a 55-47 lead with four minutes left in the contest. The Hagerstown team, which plays in the Blue Ridge league, then extended the lead to 13 points, 63-50, a minute later and Brunswick never came within nine points after that. "There are no excuses," a somber Railroader coach Bill Kubat said after the loss. "We were just outplayed."

Mrs. Martha L. Gerry's strapping bay gelding, Forego has again been named Horse of the Year in the Eclipse Award poll sponsored by the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, Daily Racing Form and the National Turf Writers Association. A count of the ballots by S.D. Leidesdorf & Co., was hardly necessary in Forego's case. His title claim for the third straight year was without challenge following his awesome performance in the Marlboro Cup Handicap at Belmont Park on Oct. 2. On an off track and under a ruthless assignment of 137 pounds the 6 year old son of Forli-Lady Golconda came from fourth at the head of the stretch to win by a gallant

head over Honest Pleasure to whom Forego conceded 18 pounds. His rider that day, Bill Shoemaker, not given to rash remarks said "This horse has to be the best I've ever ridden." Trained in 1976 by Frank Whiteley, Jr., Forego won six of eight starts, was once second and once third earning \$491,701 which brought his career total to \$1,655,217. With the \$300,000 Jockey Club Gold Cup practically conceded him at weight-for-age, Forego had to pass it up due to a filling in his left foreleg but he'll be back in 1977 to go after the might Kelso's earning record of \$1,977,896. Other Eclipse Award Winners named were the divisional champions. In the

3 year old division Esteban Rodriguez Tizol's Bold Forbes, winner of five stakes including the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont, topped Honest Pleasure and Elocutionist in the voting. The 3 year old filly queen is William Haggin Perry's Revidere, winner of eight of ten sarts including the Coaching Club American Oaks, with Optimistic Gal and TV Vixen next in line. In the 2 year old division a sensational performance in the Champagne Stakes earned the title for Mrs. Karen L. Taylor's Seattle Slew, unbeaten in his two previous starts. Next in the voting order were Run Dusty Run and Royal Ski. The 2 year old filly champion proved to be Nicholas F.

Brady's Sensational who lived up to her name on five occasions including the Selima at Laurel at the mile and a sixteenth. Mrs. Warren was the runnerup with Squander third. Among the older fillies and mares, Mrs. Marion DuPont Scott's Proud Delta carried the Montpelier colors into the winner's circle on six occasions worth \$246,312 and an Eclipse Award. Bastonera II was the runner up with My Juliet, who proved to be the Champion among Sprinters, third. Owner George Weasel, Jr., had been quoted as saying he shipped My Juliet to New York for the Vosburgh Handicap with an Eclipse Award in mind. The daughter of Gallant Romeo proceeded to beat the top contenders for

Sprinting honors including Bold Forbes who was second in the Vosburgh and second in the voting. Christopher R. was third in the voting for this division. On the turf, Nelson Bunker Hunt's Maryland-bred Youth came from an impressive season in Europe to win the Canadian International Championship at Woodbine and follow up with the Laurel's Washington D.C. International and win the title as Turf Horse champion over King Pellinore and Intrepid Herto. In the Steeplechase or Hurdle ranks, Mrs. Ogden Phipps' Straight and True was voted champion with Fire Control and Life's Illusion, the 1975 Eclipse Award winner, third.

St. Maria's Defeats St. Joe's

St. Maria's Daryl Robinson scored 33 points, 28 in the final three quarters, to lead the Saints to an 85-70 victory over St. Joe's here Sunday afternoon. St. Joe's led St. Maria's 20-14 after one quarter. Robinson then broke loose and the Trojans could not stop him. By the end of the first half, St. Maria led 42-36 even though St. Joe's hit 63 per cent of its shots in the 1st

They could hit no better than 25 per cent from the field in the second half, however, as the Gaels outscored the home team 43-34 to win going away. "We just didn't play very good defense," said Clayton Anders, Trojan coach. "Robinson got a lot of layups against us." The win was St. Maria's third in 10 games this year and second in three Blue Ridge League titles. St. Joe's is 1-1 in conference action.



SmokEnders To Conduct Seminar

If all the cigarettes smoked in 1976 were laid end-to-end, a path to the moon as wide as this newspaper page could be easily constructed. That path would weigh nearly two billion pounds, and would require over 43 and a half billion square feet just to grow the tobacco contained in all those cigarettes. Suppose you wanted to advertise that path. Using the \$136 million spent last year by cigarette companies on magazine advertising alone, you could buy every page in 53 issues of Time

magazine, or more than a year's worth of its entire circulation. In terms of human expense, the toll is even greater. Forty-seven million Americans, differing from their brethren by the fact that they smoke cigarettes, would not enjoy their usual activities or would be confined to bed for a full week-seven more days of restricted activity than their nonsmoking friends must endure. And they would have almost 9 1/2 billion dollars less to spend, as further

insult to their injury. Startling as it may seem, Americans lit over 620 billion cigarettes last year, sending over 29 million pounds of air pollution aloft in the form of smoke particles. These are just some of the awesome facts compiled by smokEnders on the industry promoting what our former Surgeon General Jesse Steinfeld termed the single, most preventable cause of lung and certain specific other cancers, coronary heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary

disease and the deaths resulting therefrom...cigarette smoking. Yet for many Americans, the thought of giving up cigarettes is repulsive, frightening, or something "the other guy does." But for the almost 30 million people who have quit the smoking habit, the idea of becoming a statistic in the smoking columns obviously has little appeal. In the Baltimore area alone, over one thousand smokers have enrolled in the smokEnders program since last April,

when the course was first offered in this area. SmokEnders will conduct a series of nine-week seminars in the Hagerstown-Frederick area, starting on January 10, according to Mr. Don Brown, a SmokEnders graduate and Director of the Maryland chapter.



Hospital Report

Admitted: Mrs. Donald Ritter, Thurmont; Mabel Ohler, Thurmont; James Valentine, Taneytown; Monroe Wantz, Taneytown; Diane Wood, Thurmont; Charles Portner, Thurmont;

Mrs. Francis Ruth, Fairfield; Mrs. Frank Sandel, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Arthur Hardman, Fairfield; Mrs. Charles Baker, Taneytown; Mrs. Neil Bechtol, Thurmont; Mrs. Anthony Bealie-

ki, Taneytown; Richard Click, Emmitsburg; Diane Eyler, Rocky Ridge; Mrs. Maurice Brown, Fairfield; Charles Trimmer, Thurmont; Mrs. Albert Masser, Emmitsburg.

Discharged: George Fisher, Rocky Ridge; Sister Mary Russo, Emmitsburg; Mary Shriner, Taneytown; Mrs. Frank Sandel and infant son, Emmitsburg; Mrs. Thomas Wood, Thurmont;

Anthony Bialecki, Taneytown; Mrs. Maurice Brown, Fairfield; Mrs. Charles Portner, Thurmont.

Prices Mixed

Price changes varied from higher to lower at major Northeast farm markets during the week ending December 10, reports the U. S. Department of Agricultural Marketing Service. New York egg prices were higher, while prices on poultry, produce and livestock were mixed. Milk production was about steady. FLUID DAIRY PRODUCTS Eastern milk production was about steady in all areas. Class I fluid supplies were tight in the New England area but ample to excessive elsewhere. Diversions of surplus to manufacturing channels ranged from light to heavy with the largest volumes on weekends. The call for bottled milk was generally slow to occasionally fair. Cottage cheese sales were slower in some sectors, particularly for shipments south, but was relatively steady locally. Yogurt continued to move at good levels.

Ambulance Report

The 1976 report for the VFW Ambulance Post 6658 has been reported by James M. Kittinger, ambulance captain. Total number of calls, 444; emergency calls, 316; Non-emergency calls, 128;

number of times services refused or not needed, 29; dead on arrival (DOA), 5; male patients transported, 213; female patients transported, 210 (This includes 12 under 6 years of age); calls from midnight to

6:00 A.M., 52; calls from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., 238; calls from 6:00 P.M. to midnight, 104; total number of miles traveled, 14,428; total number of man hours, 1,427. There were 76 highway related accidents during the year 1976.

DRIVERS AND NUMBER OF CALLS MADE BY EACH:

	TOTAL	EMERGENCY	NON-EMERGENCY	FIRE
TOM TOPPER	170	104	56	10
Jim Kittinger	134	106	26	2
Jay Dickinson	95	83	4	8
Larry Little	89	72	7	10
Charles Champlain	87	65	12	10
Dave Copenhaver (Ret)	75	61	13	1
Mike Boyle	73	58	8	7
Sam Cool	69	57	7	5
Jack Hoke	41	30	9	2
Doug Orner	33	25	5	3
Don Byard	27	2	25	0
Carl Angleberger	17	114	2	1
Mike Wivell	12	11	0	1

(Others: Members in training, nurses, etc.) Total 108.

Cross Country Ski Race Scheduled

A cross country ski race has been scheduled for February 12, 1977 by the Department of Natural Resources. The "family fun" event will be held on Meadow Mountain in Garrett County over a course traversing parts of New Germany State Park and the Savage River State Forest. Skiers of all ages and abilities are eligible to enter the 7.5-kilometer (4.6-mile) touring race with prizes, certificates and trophies to be presented to winners in

various classes of competition. New Germany is the starting point and the trail winds along Meadow Mountain through the natural beauty of Savage River State Forest. Cross country skiing was extremely popular in the Western Maryland area prior to World War II and the Department of Natural Resources believes it is regaining its appeal. Three DNR agencies, the Park Service, the Forest Service and the Recreation

and Lesiure Service unit of the Extension Service are taking active parts in staging the February 12 event. Harry Hunter, Chief of the Recreation and Lesiure Service unit, is chairman of the committee working out the details of the ski tour race. There will be awards in a variety of classifications, Mr. Hunter said, including oldest and youngest participants. Other awards will be given for: Fastest skier overall and first place finishers among

children under 10, juniors from 11 to 17, adults 18 and over and seniors over 35. There will be separate but equal prizes for men and women in each category except fastest skier overall. Identification aprons will be provided by the department. New Germany State Park is approximately 3 hours by auto from Baltimore and Washington areas via Interstate 70, the National Freeway and U.S. 40. The park is six miles south of Route 40 midway between Frostburg and Grantsville.

Inspection To Go Faster

New inspection and follow-up procedures by compliance personnel from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Environmental Health Administration have resulted in increased pharmacy inspections and quicker response to compliance demands, according to EHA Director, Donald H. Noren. Mr. Noren said the increased number of inspections are now possible because of a Statewide standardization of inspection forms and procedures which have reduced inspection time from four to five hours per

establishment to approximately three hours. Following institution of the new procedures in the first week of November, 131 pharmacies were inspected during the remaining 17 working days left in that month. Under the previous inspectional system, it would have taken approximately three months to accomplish this same number of inspections. Additionally, Mr. Noren said that faster compliance is being attained because of a new requirement that gives violators ten days in which to respond with a plan for

correction. If no response is received within ten days, a reminder is sent giving the violator another five days to respond. If, after 20 days from the date serious violations are noted, No response is made by the pharmacy, a letter is sent advising the owner that enforcement action will be taken. This action could include criminal prosecution under the State's Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act or the Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. Mr. Noren said that in cases where there is no response to compliance demands, the Department

might seek suspension or revocation of an establishment's license from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. "I am quite pleased, however," noted Mr. Noren, "with the spirit of cooperation in which pharmacies have taken our accelerated rate of compliance measures." He also noted that some of the violations include outdated and misbranded drugs (which are removed from the pharmacies' shelves at the initial inspection), improper record keeping for drug accountability and inadequate data on drug labels.

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Heart Assoc. Stresses Risk Of Smoking

Alteration of your lifestyle, for a healthier life, is one of five life-saving resolutions suggested by Franklin W. Martz, Esq., president of the Frederick County Heart Association. "Smoking cigarettes is one of the risk factors in cardiovascular disease," said Martz.

"Other major risk factors include improper diet, lack of exercise, overweight and high blood pressure," he said, "and a modification of these factors can significantly reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke."

"High blood pressure," he reported, "is thought to be THE major factor in heart disease. Yet more than seven million Americans who have it are not aware of it. That's a shame because a simple test by a doctor or clinic can detect it and modern drugs can effectively control high blood pressure."

The Heart Association president cited the national toll of lives due to

heart disease, more than one out of every two deaths from all causes, every year in American. In addition, a reported 29 million Americans are afflicted with some form of cardiovascular disease, ranging from productive citizens with controlled high blood pressure to disabled stroke victims.

"Only a doctor can say whether you are a candidate for heart disease," said Martz, "and only he can prescribe the proper measures to reduce your risks. But everyone can benefit by resolving to cut down on risk by:

Not smoking cigarettes
Controlling high blood pressure
Eating food low in cholesterol and saturated fats.

Exercising regularly and moderately
Maintaining a normal weight.

"The American Heart Association is fighting for your life. Following these resolutions can make the fight easier for all of us," Martz concluded.

Unemployment Increases

Total unemployment in Maryland increased by 6,100 from October to November up to 109,100 a jobless total 18,000 below the 127,000 of November 1975, according to the monthly employment report released by the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

The statewide unemployment rate rose by three-tenths percent, from 5.5 percent in October up to 5.3 percent. The unemployment rate was 6.8 percent in November of last year.

Total employment in the state gained a slight 1,200 rising to 1,756,500 while the civilian labor force grew by more than 7,000 reaching 1,865,600. Compared to November of last year, employment showed a gain of more than 21,000 and the labor force increased by 3,200.

The number of jobless in the

Baltimore Metropolitan Area rose by 2,800 in November to 63,100. The unemployment rate was 6.7 percent, compared to 6.4 in October and 8.3 in November 1975.

Employment in the Baltimore area at 879,000 was up by 1,700 over the month. Compared to last year, employment was up by 7,000 and the labor force declined by 8,600.

During November, the Unemployment Insurance Division received statewide, a weekly average of 6,871 initial claims under the regular unemployment insurance program and an average of 35,570 continued claims averaged 5,885 and continued claims averaged 46,049 for a total weekly average claim load of 50,934.

Frederick County had a labor force of 40,215 with 38,905 employed and 1,310 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 3.3 percent for November.



This soldier, like more than 700 air traffic controllers throughout the United States, controls the safe movement of military aircraft at 41 Army airfields and heliports throughout the Continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Panama. The management, operation and maintenance of facilities and equipment at these airfields is the responsibility of the U.S. Army 7th Signal Command, headquartered at Ft. Ritchie. (U.S. Army Photo)

Responsible For Air Traffic Control

"Army one-nine-seven-seven, descend to two thousand and maintain present heading." "Air Force one-two-three-four, you are cleared to land on runway two-seven. Switch to ground control frequency one-one-nine point one when clear of the active runway."

Instructions similar to these are being issued to military pilots every minute of every day by soldiers of the U.S. Army 7th Signal Command. Throughout the Continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Panama, both conventional and high-performance jet aircraft are being guided safely to their destinations by Army-clad men and women operating air traffic control towers, ground control approach and radar approach control facilities are more than 40 Army airfields and heliports.

Air traffic control facilities are not new to aviation, military or civilian, but the consolidation of these facilities and responsibilities within the Army has taken place during the past few years as a result of a high-level 1973 decision that Army aviation facilities world-wide needed to be brought under centralized management. Since the U.S. Army Communications Command (USACC) already had the required communications expertise and capability, the world-wide mission was given to the USACC, with the CONUS portion of the responsibility going to USACC's subordinate, the 7th Signal Command. The consolidation and up-grading of these facilities has been a gradual process since 1974.

Through an intensive training program conducted at Ft. Rucker, Ala., selected soldiers become facility-rated air traffic controllers, qualified to work in a control tower, a radar approach control or a ground control approach facility. To be selected for this training, a soldier must be alert, serious, mature, thinking individual, capable of responding instantly in an emergency and working efficiently under a great deal of pressure. An emergency decision is usually a personal one that must be made by the controller alone—and lives depend on the right decision.

A tower operator through radio contact, provides a safe path for the

pilot to follow while landing or taking off. If a pilot is approaching an airfield and is forced (by weather conditions, or darkness) to fly by instruments only, the controller in the Radar Approach Control facility furnishes the proper information required to safely fly through the area or land the aircraft. If an aircraft is simply flying through an airspace assigned to an approach control facility, the pilot is given the proper heading and altitude that will enable him to follow a safe, unobstructed path through the area that usually occupied by other arriving or departing aircraft. A ground control approach radar operator provides heading and altitude instructions to the pilot enabling him to land the craft in conditions of low visibility.

To enable the controllers to meet these complex responsibilities, a sophisticated system of communications-electronics and navigational aid equipment must be maintained in faultless condition. This highly technical requirement is also assigned to soldiers of the 7th Signal Command. At the 41 Army airfields and heliports scattered throughout the United States, highly qualified technicians not only operate and maintain the equipment needed to control air traffic at each facility, but they also program, budget, plan, engineer and install the communications-electronics and navigational aids needed to provide safe flight paths for aircraft flying across the United States. In addition to the highly qualified personnel assigned to the facilities, crews of maintenance technicians, experts in their respective fields, are available through the Army Maintenance and Supply Facility at Ft. Rucker. The experts are readily available to provide technical assistance when maintenance problems cannot be solved at the local level.

These little-known Army controllers and technicians shoulder the responsibility for thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of equipment every day. The entire operation is under the management of Brig. Gen. John S. Blair, commander of the 7th Signal Command, headquartered at Ft. Ritchie, Md.

Open Line

By Congressman Goodloe E. Byron

This column serves as another vehicle to keep in touch with all segments of my constituency. It is an open invitation for you to question me on issues, let me assist you with your problems, request information or comment on whatever happens to be on your mind. Letters should be sent to me, c/o House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. While space is obviously limited for printing all replies, I shall make every effort to answer each person who contacts me.

The following questions were typical of the kind asked of me in recent weeks.

Earlier this year you said in your "Open Line" column that the Department of Housing and Urban Development could help jobless homeowners who have fallen behind in mortgage payments. Please explain.

The new Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) ruling applies only to HUD-insured single family mortgages in imminent danger of foreclosure. All of the following criteria must be met: 1) The lender must have notified the homeowner and HUD of his intention to foreclose; 2) At least three full monthly mortgage payments must be due and unpaid; 3) The default must have been caused by circumstances beyond the homeowner's control including, but not limited to, job loss, death or illness in the family; 4) There must be a reasonable prospect the homeowner will be able to resume full mortgage payments; 5) The lender must have done everything

he might be expected to do to avoid foreclosure; 6) The mortgaged property must be the principal residence of the homeowner; and 7) The homeowner must not own any other property subject to a mortgage insured or held by HUD. For further information, may I suggest you contact your nearest HUD office.

Do you support the proposed commuter tax which would be levied by the District of Columbia on those who work in D.C. but live in Maryland and Virginia?

I oppose any form of tax on the income of nonresidents who work in the District of Columbia. The proposed commuter tax is a case of taxation without representation and I will work for its defeat should it ever reach the floor of the House for a vote.

With all the talk about energy research, what is being done in the area of solid waste disposal?

Congress is currently working on legislation which authorizes research, development and demonstration studies relating to the management of solid waste and resource and energy recovery methods. Copies of this bill, H.R. 14965, may be obtained by writing my office in Washington.

Does the government publish any literature on how to find jobs?

"Merchandising Your Job Talents" is a new brochure published by the Consumer Information Center and contains suggestions on preparing a resume, writing a letter of application and interviewing for a job. Copies are available for \$1.10 from Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Hospital Costs Rise

Blue Cross President Thomas H. Sherlock, in addressing over 1000 business and community leaders in a series of meetings throughout the state, has urged individuals to join his organization in efforts to contain the spiraling cost of health care.

Speaking before gatherings of Blue Cross group subscriber representatives, Mr. Sherlock urged the public to support programs designed to improve the caliber and effectiveness of the state's health care system and the institutions with which it functions. The meetings were held in Metropolitan Baltimore, Annapolis, Cumberland, Easton, Frederick, Hagerstown, Salisbury and Westminster.

"Support your community's programs to bring about more effective, more rational planning of health care facilities," Mr. Sherlock suggested. "Get to know your local hospital; find out how it operates, what its problems are, whether there are things you can do to help." Mr. Sherlock also asked Blue Cross members to familiarize themselves with all of the benefits available to them—particularly those that will help them get the care they need without being hospital inpatients. He said the combined efforts of Blue Cross, the health care community and the public

will be required to impact most positively on health care costs.

To illustrate the continuing sharp escalation of health care costs, Mr. Sherlock referred to a Department of Health, Education and Welfare report that projected a 40 percent increase in such costs nationally by 1980. That same report, Mr. Sherlock said, projects the per day hospital cost in four years will reach a national average of \$234, an increase of nearly 60 percent. This also means national expenditures for health care will increase from their current level of 8.3 percent of the Gross National Product to 9.7 percent.

"Here in Maryland," Mr. Sherlock continued, "our payments to hospitals have been increasing at a pace of 10 percent, 15 percent and more per year for the past several years. Just 10 years ago, for example, Blue Cross was paying Maryland hospitals an average of \$47 for each day of inpatient care. In just four short years, that cost of a single day's hospital care reached \$84, up nearly 80 percent."

Mr. Sherlock went on to say that Blue Cross payments to Baltimore area hospitals in 1975 averaged \$167 per day. By mid-1976, however, the level went to \$185 per day, and the year is expected to close out at about a \$200 per day level.

Our reach into space has forced the development of new technologies that are improving the condition of our lives here on Earth in many surprising ways while, at the same time, advancing the pursuit of knowledge that is at once both the key and the quest of space exploration.

For example, did you know that a new technique now used to detect certain genetic or inherited birth defects was adapted from a computer processing system developed to enhance the clarity and detail of photos or images from space? This system has been used in the past on photos taken of the Moon; and currently is used to improve the clarity and bring out the detail of photos taken of Mars by the Viking Orbiter.

How does it work? Using the same automated procedure that eliminates irrelevant material from a photograph and brings out the important detail, the technique for detecting genetic diseases or defects starts with microscope slides carrying blood samples of the person tested. Using a microscope controlled by the computer system, the slides are searched for blood cells.

Microscope images of the cells are relayed into a computer programmed to isolate the chromosomes, group them by type and arrange them for genetic analysis. The number of chromosomes indicates whether or not there are genetic defects that may be transferred by one generation to another. The possibility of inherited abnormality is greater if the samples show that certain chromosomes are missing. The broader availability of such analysis could help reduce the

number of abnormal births.

Does your community want to know what kind and type of health care, with respect to institutions and personnel, is needed for its population? One way to get such data is to build a computer model, a technique used by NASA engineers and scientists in designing an unmanned space craft to explore the planets. This technique is used now in Los Angeles to determine health care needs in certain areas.

Local population patterns, health levels, and other associated data are fed into a computer programmed to project requirements for hospital beds, nursing care, medical centers and medical specialists. This permits more efficient planning and building for better community health.

One of the leading killers in the United States is arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). Early diagnosis is vital in treating this condition. Until recently the only procedure for its detection has been both painful and time-consuming, requiring the insertion of a hollow needle (similar to a hypodermic needle) into an artery for direct measurement of arterial pulse.

Obviously, a far more desirable way would be by means of some external measurement. What is required is a device sensitive enough to take such measurements merely by being placed on the surface of the skin over an artery. Until space technology came to the rescue, such external instruments as were developed proved too bulky, too costly and were neither precise nor sensitive enough.

The solution provided by space technology is a small transducer used on spacecraft to take certain

measurements. A team of scientists and engineers from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., and medical personnel from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Washington, D.C., adapted to the transducer for measuring arterial pulse waves externally, incorporating a pressure-sensitive transistor with the transducer. The device is placed on the skin over an artery. The transistor converts the pulses picked up by the transducer into electrical signals that can be amplified and recorded on a regular electrocardiogram machine for immediate diagnosis.

The diagnostic instrument is under test and evaluation at the Veterans Administration Hospital, and results

are promising. It also is used there to record cardiac and artery response to drugs given patients with high blood pressure.

Our manned missions to the Moon are halted; but the lunar gravity simulator used to train astronauts to walk on the Moon is still in use. It is helping rehabilitate stroke victims with impaired mobility. The onetime simulator, now a rehabilitator, is a suspension system built at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. The device approximates the one-sixth gravity of the Moon. With this system, stroke victims have been aided substantially in regaining mobility.

These are only a few of the thousands of ways space technology is serving all of us on Earth today.

State Chamber Schedules Seminar On Today's Problems

Jack Keverian, President, Maryland State Chamber of Commerce and general manager, Kennecott Refining Corporation, announced today the State Chamber has scheduled a one-day seminar on Product Liability and Political Action Committees on January 28, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. at St. John's College Auditorium,

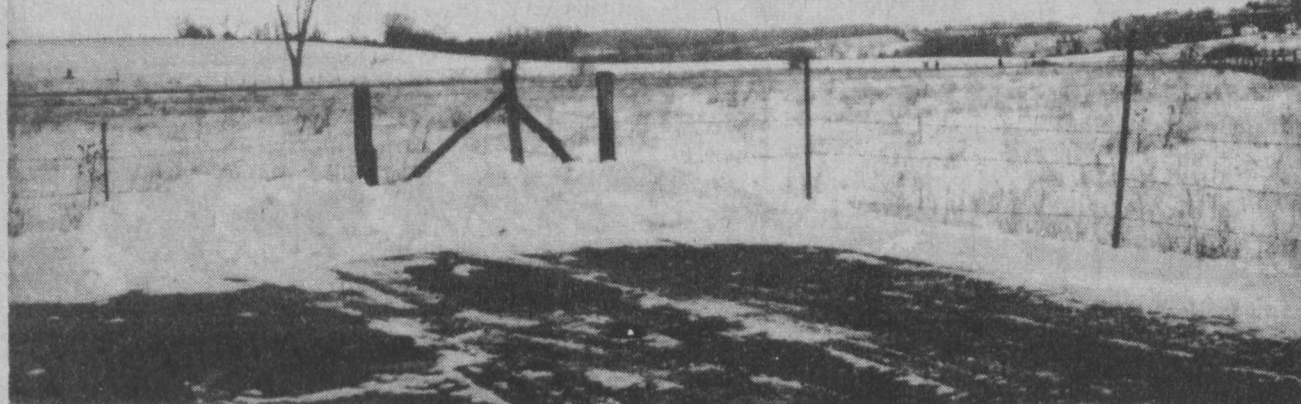
St. John's College in Annapolis, Md. Gordon Yates, Vice President for Administration, McCormick & Company and Vice President of the State Chamber, will preside.

Announcing the seminar, Mr. Keverian said, "A surge of claims and law suits, greatly increased jury awards, and broadened interpretations of product liability have created severe problems for today's manufacturers, contractors, distributors and retailers. The problem is reaching crisis proportions with many companies struggling to meet the high costs of product liability insurance and some going out of business because they can't afford it."

At the seminar expert attorneys, manufacturers, retailers and insurance representatives will outline the dimensions of the problem. In addition the seminar is designed to produce legislative initiatives which, if approved, will go a long way toward providing corrective relief in our State.

With respect to the second part of the seminar program, Mr. Keverian said business political action committees promote better government by enabling employees to get involved in the election process. So-called PAC's enable employees to combine their resources to provide needed funds for the best candidates for public office. Representatives of International Paper Company will describe their successful Political Action Committee program.

Attendance at the seminar will be limited to 150 persons. Reservations may be made by contacting the State Chamber office (269-0642 Baltimore area or 261-2858 Washington area.)



No snow has fallen on this area since the holidays, but its memory still lingers.