

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Emmitsburg Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *Dispatch* and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

Appreciation for coverage

I never thought I would write a letter to *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, but after reading page eight of your recent issue, I was prompted to do so.

Keep up the great work!

Peter and Mary Blanchard continue to bring well-known writers to Emmitsburg.

The picture of the re-enactment of the marriage of Roger Taney and Anne Key hooked in powerfully with the content and themes of the page.

The future Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was a great friend of Mount St. Mary's College. In

fact, he and his wife were married at her residence by Father John DuBois, the "Founding Father of the Mount," on Jan. 7, 1806.

The news that Father Demetrius "Prince" Gallitzin was declared a "Servant of God" was very heart-warming.

One hot summer afternoon, in the early 1800s, a young boy befriended Father Gallitzin in the Emmitsburg town square. First, he gave the parched priest a cold drink of water; second, he guided the "Priest on Horseback" to "John Dubois' Institution."

That seven-year-old boy,

who epitomizes the way Our Lady wishes local residents to welcome strangers to Emmitsburg, grew up and became Father John McCaffrey, the seventh president of Mount St. Mary's College. He served in that position for a record 34 years!

Finally, Our Lady of Emmitsburg's words for a parched people of today were like a cold glass of water to a stranger on a sweltering summer day ...

She must have smiled her approval, in the tower of St. Mary's Church, the day "Little Mac," came to the assistance of the "stranger" in Emmitsburg. She obviously smiled her approval on their subsequent lives.

Prayerfully, she will smile her approval on "Prince" Gallitzin once again, the day he is canonized.

Congratulations on your superb coverage!

-Dom Forker
Milford, NJ

Our Lady of Emmitsburg (OLOE) devotees – the blind leading the blind

They bought the lie. Those devotees of OLOE have forgotten where their faith should be. Faith is in Christ who speaks through the Church and the Church has spoken. But in their blindness they continue – the blind leading the blind. And in their disobedience to the spirit of the law, they will continue to be blinded. Would that they ask themselves, "Where is truth?" That they would crack open the door of enlightenment by asking themselves, "Could I be wrong?" But there lies the crux of the matter. They would then have to admit that they made a mistake, that they were duped. But they are a stiff-necked people who refuse to admit they are, or could be, wrong.

- Mary Ann Osborne
Emmitsburg

Appreciation for Little League coaches

It is my intent to convey my sincere appreciation and admiration to four individuals whom I feel have been a guiding force in the lives of our youth that are involved in Emmitsburg Little League Baseball. The individuals I speak of are Dave Wantz, Chris Wantz, Danny Sprankle, and Cory Sites, coaches of the Red Sox Team.

I am sure all coaches deserve much credit; however, since my grandson plays for the Red Sox I can only speak for the coaches that I am familiar with. Watching these youngsters excel in their sport is testimony to the guidance they receive from their coaches. While Dave, Chris, Danny, and Cory instill in these players the

importance of teamwork, good sportsmanship, the fundamentals of baseball, and respect for others, knowing that these traits will follow them through their lifetime. I realize that some players do not grasp the fundamentals as quickly as others; however, each player gets the opportunity to play in each game to gain the "real game" experience. That being said I feel that Dave, Chris, Danny, and Cory have gained the respect of all of their players.

Dave, Chris, Danny, and Cory, I say thank you for your input in the lives of our youth.

-Herb Gingell
Emmitsburg

100 Years Ago "In this place" From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

This column offers a regular look back at Emmitsburg through the eyes of The Emmitsburg Chronicle which first appeared on June 14, 1879, published by Samuel Motter. In 1909 the paper became known as The Weekly Chronicle. It continued regular publication, allowing for a 5-year hiatus during World War II, until February 9, 1977.

August 4, 1905 – Mr. Jacob W. Brown has sold his property containing 22 acres of land situated on the Bruceville Road, to Mr. John H. Clutz for \$800.00.

Lost – A gold wreath Pin, between the residences of A.M. and G. Mead Patterson. Finder will please leave pin at Mr. A.M. Patterson's.

Preston E. Favorite, of Thurmont, and Miss Nettie R. Martin of Hagerstown, were married at the Lutheran parsonage, Frederick.

The resignation of Lieut. Col. Charles B. McLean, of the First Infantry, Maryland National Guard, has been received at the Adjutant-Generals office, in Annapolis, and will be accepted.

The Emmitsburg and Taneytown base ball teams played a very interesting game of ball in this place Wednesday afternoon. The game was won by the Emmitsburg team, the score being 9 to 8.

To Number R. F. D. Boxes

Aug. 4, 1905 – To facilitate a more accurate handling of the mail by rural free delivery carriers the Postoffice Department is arranging for the numbering of all rural letter boxes which under the regulations of the department are entitled to service, and authorizing the delivery by rural letter carriers of ordinary mail matter of all classes addressed to boxes by number alone, so long as improper and unlawful business is not conducted thereby, the same as is now permitted in the case of postoffice boxes. Instructions will be issued to post masters within a short time to assign to boxes entitled to service consecutive numbers, beginning with the first box reached by the carrier after leaving the postoffice, and a new box erected subsequent to the original numbering will be assigned the next consecutive number in use on the particular route.

Shattered by Lightning

Aug. 4, 1905 – During severest electrical storm of the

season last Sunday afternoon the tower of Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster, was struck by lightning and considerably shattered. The lightning entered at the top of the tower and, running down the woodwork on the inside till it reached the brickwork, burst out a section of the wall. It is feared the tower has been made unsafe.

The tower of the Reformed Church at Taneytown was also struck and considerably damaged by lightning during the storm.

New Firm

Aug 4, 1905 – Messrs. Lutheran M. Zimmerman and Edgar W. Shriver have formed a co-partnership under the firm name Zimmerman & Shriver, and will conduct a general warehouse business at the old stand of the late firm of E.R. Zimmerman & Son, in this place. They will give special attention to and carry a full and complete line of agricultural machinery and repairs of every description. They will also deal in Lumber, Coal, Flour, Feed, Salt, Fertilizer, etc. they are agents for the J.I. Case Threshing Machine Company, McCormick Harvesting Machinery and superior Grain Drills. Custom Sawing a specialty.

Aug. 11, 1905 – At St. Josephs Catholic Church picnic, held on August 2 an account of which appeared in these columns last week, the total amount taken in was \$352.33 and the net receipts amounted to \$253.72.

A pic nic will be held in Seabrook's Grove, near the Tract School House, on Saturday, Aug. 19. Should weather be unfavorable the pic nic be held on the following Saturday, Aug 26.

Thrown From A Horse

Aug. 11, 1905 – Miss Alice Blair was painfully injured last Friday evening whilst riding horse back in this place. The animal became frightened and Miss Alice was thrown to the ground with the above result. Dr. J.W. Eichelberger rendered the medical aid and she is able to be about again.

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