



HERE ARE THREE PLACES where it won't do you any good to go prospecting for uranium. Donald Munson, local youth who is interested in atomic energy, is pictured using his Geiger counter to prove that there's not enough radiation to get excited about

Geiger Counter Fails To Find Signs Of Radioactivity Here

If you're a pessimist, you might say that sketchy tests have indicated that there's little chance of anyone getting rich by digging up uranium in Washington County.

But if you're the optimistic type, there's the cheerful news for you that the Antietam Creek, City Hall, and various other institutions in this area haven't become radioactive up to now.

Donald Munson, West Magnolia Street, a newspaper reporter, and a Geiger counter made those findings yesterday. The Geiger counter, an instrument which is very hard to find in the Hagerstown area, belongs to Donald, who has hopes of doing some honest-to-goodness prospecting some day. Right now, he is too busy serving as a page in the United States Congress to do any uranium-searching.

The Geiger counter is a surprisingly small and compact instrument, the local youth proved by displaying his piece of equipment. It consists of a little box with a couple of knobs and a dial, and a little light. To this is attached an earphone. When the instrument is not around any source of radioactivity, the dial's needle stays at a low point, and the earphone gives only isolated clicks.

The needle moves across the dial in case something in the area happens to be emitting rays, and the clicks speed up. If something really hot is in the neighborhood, a little light promptly flashes brightly to warn the operator.

The Geiger counter was aimed at the Leistersburg Pike's shoulder, and the reporter listened to the earphone. It sounded something like a radio when a thunderstorm is just starting to form. But Donald explained that that is just the normal amount of clicking that the instrument gives forth when there's no radioactivity in the area other than the normal radiation that is always present.

Miller Funeral Rites Tuesday

Body Of Man Found Saturday In Stream Near Keedysville

Funeral services for Wilbur H. Miller, 58, whose body was found Saturday morning in a branch of the Antietam Creek near Keedysville, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Burkittsville, with the Rev. Martin L. Zirkle, officiating. Interment will be in Union Cemetery at Burkittsville.

Miller's body was found partially submerged in the small stream by Ephraim W. Seidler, a tenant on the Flook farm through which the stream runs. Dr. S. R. Wells, deputy medical examiner, examined the body and declared death due to drowning.

The body may be viewed at the East Funeral Home in Boonsboro until Tuesday noon and at the church from 1 p. m. until time of the service.

The deceased was son of the late Albert A. and Bessie (Sigler) Miller. He was born at Burkittsville. He was a member of the Lutheran Church there. He was a veteran of World War I and member of the American Legion Post at Brunswick. For a number of years he was employed as a guard at Fairchild Aircraft in Hagerstown but for about a year had been living with a sister, Mrs. John G. Boyer, of Keedysville.

Besides his sister, Mrs. Boyer he is survived by other sisters, Miss Catherine E., Washington; Mrs. Otha C. Reeder, Trego; Mrs. George T. Blang, Kensington, Md.; Mrs. Norman Lantz, Washington; brothers, W. Marshall, Miller, Burkittsville; Austin A. and George D. Miller, both of Washington; also several aunts and nephews.

Leiter To Give Talk At Clinic

Odello M. Leiter, vice president and general merchandise manager for Leiter Brothers, will speak this evening at the second sales clinic of the Jefferson County, W. Va., Chamber of Commerce at Shepherd College.

The business persons of Charles Town and Hanson, W. Va., will staff the panel discussion.

Social Planned At Williamsport

The Williamsport Methodist Church will hold a social Tuesday, March 15, beginning at 8 p. m.

The affair will be sponsored by the Ladies Bible Class of the church. Mrs. Clifford Shank is chairman of the entertainment committee. Refreshments will be served.

The regular business session will be held prior to the social, which begins at 8 o'clock.

The public is invited.

Miss Bennett To Give Talk

The Parent Discussion Group of Clear Spring will meet at 7 o'clock this evening in the cafeteria of the high school building.

In addition to the regular discussion, the parents will hear a talk by Miss Georgia Bennett, teacher of speech and director of the radio workshop at Hagerstown High School.

NURSERY SPECIALS
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Deaths

Mrs. James Knobeloch
Mrs. James (Reed) Knobeloch, wife of Charles V. Knobeloch, 5804 The Alameda, Baltimore, formerly of this city, died in Lutheran Hospital March 11th.

Friends may call at the Cook Mansion, St. Paul and Preston Streets, where services will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. Burial will be in Rest Haven Cemetery, Hagerstown.

Courtney A. Fletcher
Courtney A. Fletcher, of Little Orleans, Md., died on Friday at the Allegheny County Infirmary.

He was the son of Philip and Annie (Price) Fletcher. He was a member of the Piney Plains Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Grace Adams Fletcher; and the following children: Charles C., Cumberland; Helen M. Norris, Little Orleans; Earl P., Baltimore; Mrs. Ada M. Watson, Baltimore; Mrs. Mary E. Bell, Hagerstown; Glenn A., Turtle Creek, Pa.; Marvin L., Baltimore; and Melvin C., Little Orleans; sister, Mrs. Clara Trill, Olean, N. Y.; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Friends may call at the Grove Funeral Home. Services will be held at the Piney Plains Methodist Church on Monday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Benjamin Mehring officiating. Interment in Piney Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Leona (Brewer) Mumma
Mrs. Leona (Brewer) Mumma, the Fairground Avenue, widow of Hubert Mumma, died Saturday morning in a Baltimore hospital of complications following an illness of several years, aged 71.

Born and reared near Clear Spring, she was the daughter of Jacob A. and Carrie (Evers) Brewer and had lived most of her life in Hagerstown. She was a member of Christ's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Surviving are brothers, Earl M. and Paul E., both of Hagerstown; and Ross A., of Washington, D. C.

The body was removed to the funeral home of A. K. Coffman, where services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday by the Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Eyster. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery near Clear Spring.

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Maurice E. Snyder will be the topic leader. The meeting will be under the direction of the vice president of the class, Paul Closser.

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W. R. Leigh, Artist, Dies

William R. Leigh, who had become one of Hagerstown's favorite artists, died Saturday in New York City.

He was 88 years old, and had been born in nearby West Virginia.

Mr. Leigh became widely known in this section for his exhibitions at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

He held three exhibitions there, the last of them exactly one year ago. Mr. Leigh, whose vigor and enthusiasm belied his years, was present to meet friends in the course of last year's exhibition.

Mr. Leigh's span of artistic life covered the remarkable period of 83 years. Just two months ago, the Grand Central Art Galleries had exhibited samplings of his work from sketches which he did as a six-year-old boy through the creations of his octogenarian days.

After studying at the Maryland Institute and in Europe, Mr. Leigh turned to the American West for subject matter. In 1951, Collier's Magazine called him the "Sagebrush Rembrandt" for his arresting studies of Indians, cowboys, action and loneliness on the desert and the plains.

He was also honored recently by a Swiss citation for the cyclorama of the Crucifixion, which has attracted admiration at Einsiedeln ever since he painted it there in 1883.

Mr. Leigh's paintings are in the Woolarose Museum in Oklahoma, the Hecksher Foundation, the Huntington Museum, the Thomas Gilchrist Museum, the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, Wyoming, the Newark Museum, the American Museum of Natural History, and the International Business Machines Collection.

He was one of the founders of the Allied Artists of America, took part in natural history studies in Africa on famous expeditions, and was a prominent magazine illustrator early in his career.

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Grains Keep Going Lower

The slow but steady decline in corn and wheat prices continued in this area last week.

The State Department of Markets reported that wheat was bringing \$1.93 on the average in this section of the state, two cents less than the previous week. One week earlier, the decline had amounted to three cents.

Corn was down to \$1.43 on the average in this part of the state, one cent under the previous week. Barley again remained unchanged at \$1.09.

Average quotations on feeds and feedstuffs in this section last week included:

Coarse cracked corn, \$73.67; standard bran, \$64.00; standard middlings, \$64.50; 50 per cent meat scrap, \$105.50; 17 per cent dehydrated alfalfa meal, \$91.00; 16 per cent dairy feed, \$68.67; 32 per cent dairy feed, \$85.67; 20 per cent broiler mash, \$91.00; 20 per cent laying mash, \$85.67; coarse scratch feed, \$77.33; soybean oil meal, \$90.50; 15 per cent hog feed, \$75.00; 36 per cent hog supplement, \$105.00.

Group Plans To Hear Talk

Ernest L. Hogan, superintendent of agents, People's Life Insurance Company, Washington, D. C., will speak to the Hagerstown Life Underwriters Association at a luncheon at noon Friday, March 18, in the banquet room of the Women's Club.

The speaker will be introduced by William J. Cornell, local district manager of the People's Life Insurance Company.

A native of Davy, McDowell County, West Virginia, Hogan was graduated from the public schools of that county, and attended Oxford Business College. He is a graduate of the 80th agency man-



ERNEST L. HOGAN

agement school of the Life Insurance Agency Management Association, held in Chicago in 1948.

Beginning his life insurance career as a People's Life agent in Beckley, W. Va., in 1935, Hogan was promoted in 1937 to assistant manager of the Bristol district, and was advanced in 1941 to manager of the Bristol district. In 1947, when the company area of operation was separated into divisions, he was elevated to the home office position of division superintendent of agents, covering several states including Maryland, and was advanced to superintendent of agents for the entire company last year.

Hogan has been active in Life Underwriters Association work for many years. He served in all of the offices for the Bristol association, and as vice president of the Virginia State Association.

A member of the Baptist church, he is active in Boy Scout work and many civic activities, and is a former member of the Civitan Club. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan reside in Washington, D. C.

Pinesburg Club Plans Meeting

The Pinesburg Ruritan Club will hold its monthly meeting March 16 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

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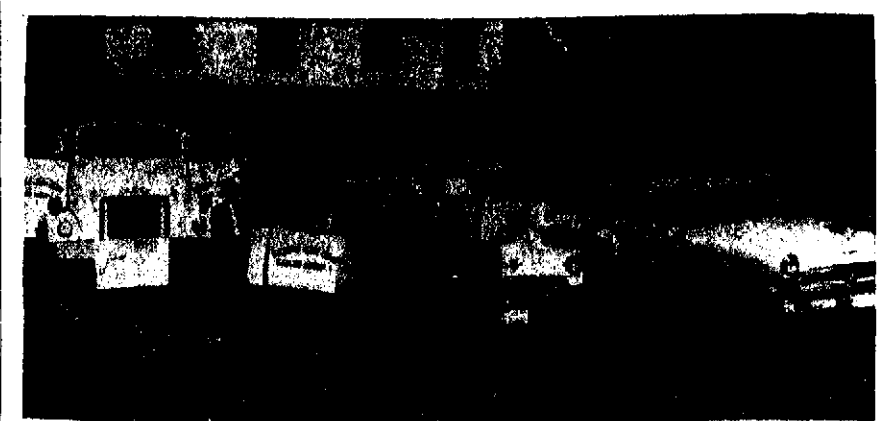
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AMBULANCE DEMONSTRATION — Members of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, with the above pictured equipment, put on some demonstrations in Hagerstown's Public Square Saturday. Purpose of the show was to generate public interest here in the current drive to raise funds to start an emergency ambulance and rescue unit

for Hagerstown. Donations are currently being received by Community Rescue Service Inc., PO Box 22, Hagerstown. William E. Hobson, president of the local organization, is standing at right with officers of the Washington-area unit.

(Photo by Raup)

Pioneers Start Door-To-Door Canvass Here

Members of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company tonight will start door-to-door canvassing for the local Community Rescue Service.

The new local organization has been formed to operate Hagerstown's volunteer emergency ambulance service and currently is seeking \$14,500 to buy an ambulance and operate for its first year.

Home Names New Leader

Rev. Justus H. Liesmann has been appointed pastor of the Tressler Lutheran Home for Children at Loysville, Pa., effective April 15.

The new superintendent has been pastor of All Saints' Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore since 1948. He formerly served as pastor of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baltimore. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frostburg, and as chaplain to the 28th Infantry of the United States Army during World War Two.

Rev. Mr. Liesmann has been a trustee of the Tressler institution since 1949, and has held many committee posts in the Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The new superintendent was chosen by the board of the Loysville institution in January. However, the announcement of his appointment was delayed in order to permit his church in Baltimore to consider his resignation and seek a successor.

High School Put Into Use

Chambersburg's new senior high school, costing \$3,285,000, will go into use today.

A group of 888 students will begin to use the ultra-modern new structure, which will eventually house between 1,200 and 1,500 pupils.

The building will feature such attractions as a floodlighted football field with bleachers, television outlets in every classroom, upholstered chairs for the auditorium, a motor-driven partition to divide the gymnasium into two sections, 250 auto parking lot, and a system of gates to restrict foot traffic in various parts of the building for large-scale activities.

Ground was broken in May, 1953, for the 185-room structure in the southern end of Chambersburg.

The new school will be paid for by amortizing the debt over a period of 32 years.

INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Theodore H. Thomas suffered a badly sprained ankle at her home near Boonsboro recently, and is recuperating at her home.

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