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25 Years Ago School Smoking Ban Illegal, Arbitrator Rules - A professional arbitrator has ruled that the Board of Education's ban on smoking by teachers in schools is illegal in that it prohibits teachers from smoking in the teachers' lounges. Jacob Blum, attorney for the Carroll County School Board, said Tuesday that Samuel H. Jaffee, who arbitrated the case, rescinded the ban only as it applies to the teachers' lounges. In his decision, Jaffee discounted the Carroll County Education Association's contention that the ban is a violation of the teacher's personal and academic freedoms and that it violates the maintenance of standards clause in the teachers' contract. Blum, who received the ruling early this week, said that wording of the opinion is not clear and that it may be disputed by the Board. He said that the ruling apparently is based upon the premise that the ban violates that part of the teachers' contract which provides for teachers' lounges in county schools. Blum said that the decision stated that the ban was illegal only as applied to smoking in the lounge, because "under the contract providing lounges it is a violation to make the rule without first negotiating the ban with the teachers group." Blum said that Jaffee understood the protest made by the C.C.E.A. was a protest because the teachers could not smoke in the lounges. Jaffee's decision stated, "As I understand the Association's contention, it protests only the application of the new policy to such lounges. . . On this basis it seems clear enough that the board is wrong. . . One may not only supervise but also agree with the underlying purpose of the protested policy, but it seems to me that if the Board wishes effectively to bring about such a change, it ought to negotiate it and not put it into effect unilaterally contrary to its contractual commitment." *Democratic Advocate* June 24, 1972.

50 Years Ago Union Bridge Firemen Bring Home The Bacon — In the parade at the 54th convention of the Maryland State Firemen's association at Frederick last Friday, Union Bridge and Taneytown brought home the bacon. More than 1,800 persons, 66 companies, 102 pieces of apparatus, 14 bands four drum corps and seven women's auxiliaries in the line of march. More than 20,000 persons lined the streets to witness one of the largest parades ever staged by the Maryland firemen. The Jr. I.O.O.F. Band of Taneytown accompanied the Vigilant Hose Company contingent from Emmitsburg. The Union Bridge fire company with auxiliary and the William F. Myers Sons band of Westminster, collected two of the prizes, a prize of \$150 for company making best appearance with 30 uniformed members or more and with band, and first prize of \$50 for best appearing auxiliary. Mt. Airy auxiliary won a third prize of \$15. The Taneytown Volunteer Fire company won first prize of \$125 for company with largest number of uniformed men in line with band or drum corps of 20 pieces or more (band or drum corps not to be counted with company members in line). *Democratic Advocate*, June 28, 1946.

75 Years Ago The past week has been one marked with fires and accidents within a comparatively short radius of this place—a \$50,000 fire in Hampstead on Tuesday, followed by a \$200,000 fire in Manchester. On Wednesday, a young man was instantly killed and two others injured when their car was struck by a P. R. R. train at a crossing near New Midway. They were the sons of James Harbaugh, a farmer of that section. This is near the same place Harold Keefer and several other young men were injured similarly a few years ago. *Union Bridge Pilot*, June 3, 1921.

100 Years Ago It is always a pleasure to write about the work of the Children's Fresh Air Society. This beautiful charity has now been in operation in Baltimore city five years and the work is growing marvelously each year. During these five years many neglected "little ones" have been taken from poverty stricken homes, where vice abounds and where a breath of fresh air is an almost unobtainable luxury, and have been transported to green fields to be ministered to by kind and loving friends. Another year the Fresh Air Society of Baltimore appeals to those living in the country to take these children into their homes for two weeks, where they can have fresh air for their little lungs, good country milk for their hungry little bodies, new ideas of living for their ready little minds to see and perhaps imitate and love, and kindness to make happy memories in lives that have all too few bright days. The society prefers to send the children in parties of ten to sixty or more. Every expense is paid by the society, the children are provided with suitable clothing and are pronounced free from contagious diseases. No salaries are paid in the Fresh Air work. Further information may be had by addressing the Children's Fresh Air Society, 112 North Charles street, Baltimore, Md. *American Sentinel*, June 27, 1896.