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25 Years Ago Energy Crisis Takes Day Off—Local gas stations gave little evidence Wednesday of a gasoline shortage as many were pumping "all you want" and a few had pumps waiting for customers. The reason for the drastic change from long lines or empty pumps of previous days was the release to the state and county of an additional emergency ration of gasoline by the federal government. Of seven stations checked Wednesday, three had not received any additional gas. Two of those had been promised added supplies that day. Only one had heard nothing. Ironically, on Wednesday Eldersburg Exxon, which had been pumping while other stations were running out on previous days, had to ration their gas while four other stations were pumping without limit. Liberty Gulf co-owner Ernie Greffen said lines at his station had crossed over the bridge into Baltimore County during the worst of shortage last week, but on Tuesday and Wednesday he was giving customers all they wanted. During the past several weeks he was pumping \$3 per customer from 4 to 6 p.m. He has heard nothing about what to expect in March and is going on a "day-to-day" basis. *The Herald*, February 28, 1974.

50 Years Ago On Friday evening, February 25, 1949, at 6 o'clock the Mechanicsville School and Parent Teachers' Association will give a dinner in honor of the County Commissioners, the Board of Education, the County Treasurer, the Tax Collector, the Building Committee and teachers of the school in appreciation for the new school. The guests will be invited to the auditorium where a turkey dinner will be served by the patrons. A short program will follow the dinner when the toastmaster, Mr. J. Randle will call on the superintendent, Mr. Samuel Jenness, the President of the Board of Education, Mr. Clyde Hesson, the President of the County Commissioners, Mr. Emory Berwager, the P.T.A. President, Mrs. Clarence Dell, and the Principal, Mr. Ralph Yealy who will also give brief remarks. *Democratic Advocate*, February 28, 1949.

75 Years Ago Hampstead Fire Company Wins Case—The case of State of Maryland against Hampstead Fire Company which was tried at the November term of Court and the jury disagreeing was brought up for trial the second time Monday and resulted in a verdict for the Fire Company. The case was over the running of wheels of fortune at a carnival held last September, and caused the arrest of a man by the nick name of "Rattlesnake Bill," who was operating the wheel for the fire company. The case was appealed from Justice Hutchins, who found "Rattlesnake Bill" guilty. Brown represented the State and Weant and Steele for the Fire Company. *Democratic Advocate*, February 22, 1924.

100 Years Ago Patrolman Harry Algire, of Baltimore, formerly of this county, accidentally stepped into a hole leading to a sewer along the river front at Clement street. The hole was covered by ice and snow and he went in up to his neck and had to be dug out. He was not injured but his uniform was covered with mud and snow and he was "a sight." *Democratic Advocate*, February 25, 1899.