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25 Years Ago Computer Problem Solving Project - The Computer Problem Solving Project in which Frederick County is participating jointly with Allegany, Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington Counties is now in operation. William R. Hess, Supervisor of Data Processing for the Board of Education of Frederick County, is coordinator for the project which involves \$25,000 in Federal funds. Tele-typewriter computer terminals are installed in two local schools, North Frederick Elementary School and Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. Computers located at Western Maryland College and University of Maryland serve the project. Included among the project's purposes is that of providing research information as to the effectiveness of computer assisted instruction. The ease with which local students have adapted to the procedural concepts and theoretical considerations of Computer Problem Solving seems to indicate positive finds concerning its effectiveness. Computer assisted instruction, as demonstrated by the local project, provides an experience unique among mass communication instructional media. Other media such as television, motion pictures or radio require only passive behavior on the part of the learner while the computer demands active behavior. Conversely the computer itself is capable of analyzing and adapting teaching sequences to suit individual learning abilities. To date local experience with the Computer Problem Solving Project has been most favorable. Both students and teachers regard it as a true learning experience. *Community Reporter*, March 6, 1970.

50 Years Ago New Tire Inspection Stations for Carroll County - Important changes in the tire rationing program have required the reduction in the number of official tire inspectors for Carroll County from 61 to the present 22. On February 23, Mr. Russell Copeland, Senior Tire Examiner for the state, addressed a meeting of tire inspectors at the Rationing Board, Westminster, with the Tire Panel present. Mr. Landon C. Burns, chairman of the Tire Panel, introduced Mr. Copeland who pointed out to the inspectors the very critical shortage in tires available for civilian use, and the necessity of accurate and detailed inspections of all tires. He added that the reduction in the number of stations is part of a tightening-up procedure in the tire conservation program. Mr. Burns thanked the inspectors present for their fine cooperation in the past and urgently requested that they adhere strictly to the rules governing tire inspections. In view of the present tire shortage, the Tire Panel cautions all car operators to watch their tires closely, to keep them properly inflated, and to have them recapped just as soon as the condition of the tires warrants it. *Democratic Advocate*, March 2, 1945.

75 Years Ago It Couldn't Be Done - The man speeded up his car to see if he couldn't beat the train to the crossing. He couldn't. Another man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank in his garage was empty. It wasn't. Another man who insisted on leading a bull by a rope thought that he could dodge the bull and climb the fence if the animal became furious. He couldn't; he was carried through the gate. Another man took it for granted that a dilapidated bridge would support his tractor. It wouldn't—his widow will vouch for the fact. A woman took a spoonful cut of an unlabeled bottle, supposing that she was taking cough syrup. She wasn't—but her cough was stopped. The gun that isn't loaded is not the only thing that claims victims who do not stop to think things all the way through. *Union Bridge Pilot*, March 5, 1920.

100 Years Ago A Valentine Party - Miss Allie Frounfelter, of New Windsor, gave a Valentine party on Thursday evening, 14th inst., at her beautiful home on Main street, in honor of the following guests:

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Miss Ida Trone, Miss Minnie Stouffer, Mr. Howard Easterday, of Hagerstown; and Miss Ida May Trone, of Waynesboro, Pa. The house was brilliantly illuminated and decorated with potted plants and choice flowers. Each gentleman present chose his valentine for the evening, then they amused themselves with various parlor games, especially crokinole, which was most enjoyed. To say the guests were royally entertained by Miss Allie would be putting it mildly. At about eleven o'clock, an abundance of splendid refreshments was served after which the amusements were resumed. Those present were; Misses Ida Trone, of Hagerstown; Ida May Trone, of Waynesboro, Pa.; Amelia Engel, Addie Baile, Emma Snader, Ida Devilbiss, Maggie Engel, Hannah Shunk, Florence Barnes, Florence Englar, Mollie Manahan, Gertie, Florence and Carrie Harman, Addie Smith, Maggie West, Sidonia Lambert, Ada Lambert, Mrs. Mattie West, Mrs. Picking, Misses Sallie Picking and Minnie Stouffer, Messrs. Walter Getty, Frank Snader, Lincoln Harman, Harry Harman, Charles Nusbaum, Howard S. Englar, Preston Ecker, M. D. Reid, Rudolph West, Edgar Ecker, Grant Devilbiss, Marshall Devilbiss, Charles Ecker; Howard Englar, of Hio, and Howard Easterday of Hagerstown. *American Sentinel*, March 2, 1895.