

**September 17, 1995**

**25 Years Ago** EDITORIAL - HIJACKERS BEWARE! - The shooting and serious wounding of a man attempting to hijack a Trans World Airlines jetliner at San Francisco is the first warning to would-be sky pirates that it is becoming increasingly unsafe to indulge in this racket. The young white man, demanding that the plane be diverted from its regular course and flown to North Korea, was shot by an armed guard of Brink's, Inc., who was on board to protect a shipment of securities. There should be no mercy given to brigands of this type, who show no mercy or concern themselves for passengers or crew in their insane act of armed takeover of these large passenger planes. President Nixon's act of placing armed guards on all planes leaving the U. S. for foreign points should have a sobering effect on these would-be hijackers, who have no means of knowing whether the man sitting next to them or across the aisle is wearing a pistol holster beneath this coat, ready for action at the slightest sign of trouble. Hijacking must be stopped, no matter how stern measures must be adopted to stop it. *Community Reporter*, September 18, 1970.

**50 Years Ago** A UNION BRIDGE VICTORY PARADE TOMORROW - The Victory parade being sponsored by the Union Bridge Fire company on Saturday evening, Sept. 15, will form on the Firemen's grounds at 6 p.m. and will consist of bands, drum corps, service men, fire companies, ladies' auxiliaries, service clubs and other organizations. A number of floats will also be in line. The fire auxiliary will serve refreshments on the Firemen's grounds when a concert will take place at 8 o'clock and there will be a dance under auspices of the Youth club at 9 p.m. Prizes are to be awarded during the observance. In case of rain the parade will take place the following Monday evening. The parade will form at the Union Bridge Firemen's Park grounds at 6 p.m. The Westminster Band, William F. Myers Band and the Taneytown Junior Band will participate. A special concert will follow the parade. *Democratic Advocate*, September 14, 1945.

**75 Years Ago** Sailor Would Sell Himself for \$5,000 - Is anybody willing to buy a young man, healthy, intelligent, and of good character, who would be willing to obey every command of his purchaser, even to sacrifice his life if necessary? Jack Hardy, a former sailor, now living at 28 West Thirty-seventh street, New York, offers himself for sale for \$5,000. In making his offer he stipulates that \$3,000 cash must be paid when the bargain is made and the remainder in installments. "I suppose many people, seeing my offer, will think me crazy," Hardy said. "The \$3,000 I want to turn over, as soon as I get it, to a lady who has been more than a mother to me. Though not legally obligated to her, I feel I owe a great debt to her. She has been my guide and benefactress all my life." "Hence, my offer. For myself, I do not want anything except a bare living and perhaps cigarette money in my pockets, though, of course, I will stop smoking—my only vice—should my new owner so decide. *Union Bridge Pilot*, September 17, 1920.

**100 Years Ago** Mr. W. H. D. Watson, residing near Warfieldsburg, brought to this office, on Tuesday, two potatoes of his own raising, which weighed 30 1/2 ounces. They are new varieties, produced by Mr. Watson, himself. Their history, as he related it, is quite interesting. Five years ago he found a pod of seed on a potato vine and planted about half of it in a box. The product was eighteen potatoes ranging from a peas to a small marble in size. He planted these the second year, but selected a shady place and only got fourteen of the tubers, which were, however, of somewhat larger size. These he planted the third year

and gathered about half a gallon still larger. This product was planted the fourth year and yielded three pecks of small and large ones. He gave away a few and used some, planting, this year, about half a bushel, which produced twenty-two bushels, among which were eleven or twelve bushels of very large ones. There are four varieties of the potatoes, one of which, a large white and finely flavored potato, he has called Watson's Favorite, and another, with rough skin and of yellowish color, World's Renown. These are the varieties left at this office. The white is the larger potato, but both are well shaped and of superior quality. One of the remaining varieties is a long white and good potato and the other has a reddish tint but is not as valuable as those mentioned. The varieties left at this office are equal to anything we have ever seen in the potato line, and may become famous. *American Sentinel*, September 21, 1895.