

September 3, 1995

25 Years Ago Plans Complete For Steam Show At Farm Museum - Eighth Annual Event To Be Held Sept. 10 to 13 Near Westminster—Many Activities Are Scheduled - The Eight Annual Steam and Gas Engine Round-Up of the Mason-Dixon Historical Society will be held on the grounds of the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster on September 10, 11, 12 and 13. A continuous program of activities is planned by the Steam Society each day from 12 noon until 11:00 p.m. except Sunday when official closing of the big four-day event is set for 5:00 p.m. Featured each day in the afternoon and early evening will be a parade of a dozen big steam engines, approximately 20 gas tractors and one hundred or more gas engines. All this equipment will be in action during the rally. Live demonstrations will be held in the sawing of shingles, threshing of wheat, and power testing on the Baker Fan. One new attraction this year will feature the grinding of buckwheat on a stone-burr. On Saturday and Sunday only, a steam calliope will be on hand to add color and flavor to the occasion. The instrument is played from a special keyboard and is equipped to generate its own steam power. Old-timers will remember them from circus parade days, and for the youngsters it will be a venture into the past. *Community Reporter*, September 4, 1970.

50 Years Ago VICTORY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD WHEN BOYS RETURN - In response to many inquiries regarding the City's plans for a victory parade or celebration. Mayor Joseph L. Mathias has authorized the following information. "The City of Westminster has not forgotten her boys and girls in the service. We feel that those of us at home have celebrated enough, and that further rejoicing should not be evidenced until a majority of our service men and women are reunited with their families. With this thought prevailing, the City is preparing plans for a Homecoming Day. We propose to make this affair a real welcoming home, and to defer it for several months until more of our boys and girls are released from service." *Democratic Advocate*, August 31, 1945.

75 Years Ago We received the following letter from Congressman Carville D. Benson this week: "I should like to have your opinion as to whether or not village delivery service in the town of Union Bridge would meet with the approval of the patrons of your office. There are certain requirements which must be met before the Post-office Department will consider favorably the inauguration of such service. These requirements are, civic improvements, such as paved streets, continuous paved sidewalks, numbered houses, and street lights. If you will make some inquiry with the view to ascertaining whether or not the residents of Union Bridge would be interest in village delivery, also whether or not you think the civic improvements there would be brought up, and kept up to the requirements of the Post-Office Department, I shall appreciate it. I am requesting the local newspaper to give this matter publicity, and if it appears the people desire village delivery, I will take the matter up with the Post-Office Department with the view to seeing whether or not I can secure it for the town of Union Bridge." *Union Bridge Pilot*, September 3, 1920.

100 Years Ago Mr. Isaac N. Stoner, of Medford, has lost three fine cows by Texas fever and has one or two ill with the disease. Mr. Jesse Winter, near New Windsor, has lost seven cows with the same disease and has one sick. Dr. Robert Ward, State veterinarian, was notified by State's Attorney Fink of the prevalence of the disease, and visited Mr. Stoner's place on Wednesday. He found a sick cow covered

with the ticks which produce the disease. Both Mr. Stoner and Mr. Winter has bought Texas cattle, probably without having been aware of the fact. These cattle brought the ticks and this introduced the disease that has caused the destruction of the cows. United States law provide quarantine against these cattle, but the law was evaded. The Texas cattle, it is said, are proof against the insects, but when native cattle become infested with them they burrow in the flesh and produce a fatal fever. The only remedy after the disease has been introduced is to keep infected cattle entirely separate from others, which must also be done with the Texas steers. *American Sentinel*, September 7, 1895.