

**February 26, 1995**

**25 Years Ago** MISS NINA BAZOUZI TO ADDRESS A.A.U.W. - Miss Nina Bazouzi, a citizen from the occupied part of Jordan, will speak to the Carroll County Branch of the American Association of University Women, meeting at the home of Mrs. George Bingham, 70 Ridge Road, Westminster, at 8: p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. Miss Bazouzi will deal with the history of the Middle East as it relates to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Her point of view is that of a Christian member of the Greek Orthodox faith. Her family, from which she is now tragically separated, still resides in Bethlehem. In 1967 she received her B.A. in Education from American College in Lebanon. Following the six day war in the Middle East, she left for the United States to participate in the Volunteer Program of the Church of the Brethren. Since the fall of 1968 she has been teaching at Hampstead Elementary. This program is part of a two-year study being conducted by AAUW on "American Foreign Policy: Dilemmas and Realities of Power." *Community Reporter*, February 27, 1970.

**50 Years Ago** OLDEST NEGRO IN CARROLL COUNTY DIES - Believed to be Carroll county's oldest native-born resident, Frederick Dutton, colored, died at his home near Eldersburg, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock of the infirmities of age. The Carroll county medical examiner returned a verdict that death was due to arterio sclerosis and the man's age was fixed approximately at 102 years. Known from existing records to have been somewhere between 101 and 104 years of age, the aged man was born in slavery days, the son of slaves, Frederick and Nancy Dutton. He was born in Carroll county and resided there all his life. He is survived by his widow, also named Nancy Dutton, and who herself, is aged 96 years. The aged man was well-known for his stories of the days antedating the Civil War. Besides his widow, he is survived by four children: Charles Dutton, near Eldersburg; Mrs. Mary L. Rheubottom, Sykesville; Mrs. Catherine Dabney, Philadelphia; Mrs. Eleanor Price, New York, and a sister, Mrs. Kate Nugant, near Eldersburg. Funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from White Rock Baptist Church Near Berrett, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Roscoe C. Williams officiating. Interment in adjoining cemetery. C. M. Waltz funeral director. *Democratic Advocate*, February 23, 1945.

**75 Years Ago** The Present Winter - In commenting on the weather conditions which we have just experienced the Frederick News says the following: "Three weeks of the ground-hog's reign closed Monday. During that time, it has rained 9 times, snowed five times and hailed twice. There were cold, clear and cloudy days and a few warm days. Yesterday was St. Matthias' day, and having found plenty of ice, according to tradition he broke, and spring is at hand. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are emberdays which rule the weather, for three months. "If March comes in like a lamb, it will go out like a lion," is another weather legend that has been handed down from early times, and is still believed by many. During the past 12 years, this prophecy has never failed, said one resident yesterday, in speaking about weather legends. "Still another prediction calls for a wintery March. The caterpillar was black at the tail, and this signifies that the latter part of the winter will be the hardest. The only question raised is to decide whether February is to be considered the last of winter. February is really the last winter month, as spring begins the third week in March. The chickens were heavily feathered which called for a hard winter. "People in discussing the weather predictions for the next month differ on the question as to whether the end of the winter is at hand or whether March must be considered. According to time worn predictions March of 1920 will be considered a part of this winter, and the

hardest part of the winter is ahead. A late spring is looked for, but this is merely supposition on the part of ones making the prophesy." *Union Bridge Pilot*, February 27, 1920.

**100 Years Ago** Burglars At Mt. Airy—the Alleged Burglars Caught - The general merchandise store of Messrs. Genetz & Leppen, at Mt. Airy, was entered by burglars on Friday night of last week, and goods valued at fifty dollars carried away. On Wednesday afternoon Alex. Elliott, deputy sheriff of Berkeley county, W. Va., and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad detective, and Daniel Sloan, also of the railroad detective force, came to this city from Martinsburg, Va., with two men in custody who are charged with the robbery in question. One of them gives the name of Himan Morris, aged 31 years, and his home as Baltimore. He says he is a Jew. The other is little more than a boy, being but 18 years old. He says his name is Ralph Jones, and he hails from Dayton, Ohio. He seems to feel the disgrace of his position keenly and protests his innocence. The parties had a hearing before Justice William Moore, shortly after their arrival, State's Attorney Fink appearing for the State Officer Elliott testified that Morris sought shelter one night at the jail in Martinsburg. He had a bundle of new clothing, some jewelry and other articles in his possession. He was permitted to leave on the following morning, and Officer Elliott did not learn the facts until a short time afterwards. The officer had heard of the Mt. Airy robbery and immediately suspected that Morris was the robber. He kept a watch for him, but missed him until the following morning, when he again turned up at the jail and Ralph Jones was with him. *American Sentinel*, February 23, 1895.