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25 Years Ago Developers Offer Airport At \$150,065 — An airport development group told the county commissioners last week that they could build an airport for the county for \$150,065. That figure is \$445,435 less than an estimate for a similar airport contained in a report to the commissioners from their consulting engineers, Rummell, Klepper and Kahl. "I feel the county needs an airport for the proper economic development of the county," Meyer said. "Nothing we do benefits everyone and there are those that will disagree. But I feel aviation is just like T.V., it's here to stay. I feel it's very important to the future growth of the county." *Democratic Advocate*, November 29, 1971.

50 Years Ago ERECTING HOMES FOR W. M. COLLEGE GI'S — "Vetville" may become a most interesting suburban addition to Westminster when it is completed about the first of the year. This is the proposed name for the settlement on Wimert avenue, near the Sullivan road, that is under construction by the government for the GIs who are attending or will attend Western Maryland College under the GI Bill of Rights. There are several units being built, which when completed will house 40 veterans and their families. A one-story construction, set up on cement blocks, with a brick-like celetex finish, they will fill the hopes of many GIs who plan to finish their education with their families. The apartments are made up of living room, two bedrooms, two closets and a kitchen, to be fully equipped with sink, stove and refrigerator. After the educational use has expired for the houses, speculation remains as to what will become of them. Dean Samuel Schofield, of Western Maryland College is almost a daily visitor at the site, giving full cooperation for the college to the project. *Democratic Advocate*, November 29, 1946.

75 Years Ago ANOTHER USELESS EXPERIMENT — One of the largest aeroplanes ever built is now in the course of construction in England, to accommodate 150 passengers, starting at midnight near London, and alighting at New York harbor the following evening traveling at the rate of 130 miles per hour. It will cost \$675,000. Perhaps the ones interested in this project have forgotten the fate of that monster aircraft, and the loss of lives several months ago. We pray to be kept from temptation, and deliberately go right into them. *Democratic Advocate*, November 25, 1921.

100 Years Ago Fire at Frizellburg — The barn and outbuildings of Dr. J. Rinehart, at Frizellburg, were burned between 9 and 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. The barn was 62 by 19 feet, and contained five tons of hay, one ton of straw, 45 bushels of corn, 6 bushels of wheat, carriage harness, a lot of farming implements and other articles, also horses. Nearly all the contents, except the horses, were destroyed with the barn. In the hog pen were four fat hogs, weighing about 400 pounds each, and one of these was badly scorched before it was gotten out. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Arthur, Dr. Rinehart's daughter, about 9:35 o'clock. She immediately give an alarm, and went to the barn. When she got there burning hay and straw were falling from the loft above, some falling on the horses, scorching them considerably. The neighbors gathered quickly, and the ringing of the church bell brought a very large crowd to the rescue. They could do nothing toward saving the barn, but the dwelling was in danger from sparks, and was afire several times, doing damage to the amount of about \$100. The porches, doors and window frames had to be kept wet to save them, and Dr. Rinehart desires the ADVOCATE to return his thanks to all who assisted in saving his property. Dr. Rinehart and Mr. Pittinger had their faces burned while working at the fire. Miss Susan Graybill, Mrs. Rinehart's aunt, was taken to the house of a

neighbor. She started to go out to look at the fire, went to the wrong door and fell down the cellar steps, injuring one of her limbs severely. *Democratic Advocate*, November 28, 1896.