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25 Years Ago Pipe Bomb Blasts State Cop's Yard - A pipe bomb thrown from a passing car blew a 3-foot hole in a Snydersburg State Trooper's back yard on May 26, State Police confirmed late last week. According to a spokesman for the Westminster barrack, the bomb exploded harmlessly 50 feet from Trooper Hugh K. McCormick's house at 10:20 p.m., on Wednesday, May 26. State Police spokesman here said they were not sure what explosive was used in the bomb and said they had no definite suspects at this time. They said they were working on several leads. Spokesmen said the bombing was a "warped retaliation" for something the 31-year-old Trooper might have done during his three years as a policeman. *The Carroll Record* June 7, 1972.

50 Years Ago U. S. Has 30 Billions In Surplus Goods To Peddle - It Breaks Down To About \$214 For Every Man, Woman And Child In This Country - War surplus property worth 30 billion dollars, a sum which breaks down to about \$214 for every man, woman and child in the country, will be put on the market by the Federal Government before the end of 1948, predicts Lieut. Gen. E. B. Gregory, War Assets Administrator. Gregory warned, however, that much of the surplus consists of goods not wanted by ordinary civilians, and that, of the \$2,000,000,000 worth already sold, the national treasury has got back only 47% of the original cost. More than half of the 30 billion dollar investment, he declared, is in war plants, factories and other real estate, and of the remainder, one-third consists of military articles of little civilian use. Defending his organization from charges that veterans are being discriminated against, Gregory pointed out that most ex-service men want articles which are proportionately as scarce in government hands as in civilian economy. His organization, he added is now selling about \$10,000,000 worth of machinery, \$27,000,000 in motor vehicles and \$5,000,000 in vehicle parts and maintenance equipment every month. But larger surpluses are scheduled in cotton webbing shoes, blitz cans, telephone and telegraph equipment, chemicals, steel, electric machinery and other industrial products. Veterans, he explained get top priority after the Federal Government on all surplus assets and if ex-service men don't want to buy the articles are then sold to businessmen. That happened in the case of 600 Army trucks offered for sale by Gimbels department store, he said. The Federal Government had refused to purchase any, state and local governments merely wanted two and only 40 veterans asked to buy. Of these 40, added Gregory, 11 changed their minds. *Democratic Advocate*, June 7, 1946.

75 Years Ago Why Some People Never Own a Home - Just plain lack of nerve—that's all! They are scared to assume the responsibility of the obligation to meet the payments. At the same time they know that they must meet the monthly payment to the landlord for rent. What is the difference. The man who contracts to meet payments on a home or on a lot has a substantial something to show for his efforts. The other who religiously pays his rent has nothing, that is the answer! That man you talk with that you meet on you way to business every day—he has nearly paid for his little place. He just keeps "plugging away" and he will soon be independent with his title clear. You can do as well. Do you know that the man who owns property—and therefore has a "real stake in the community,"—is the man considered more favorably by employers? It is a fact—and for this reason it is easier for a man to get a job and to hold it if he owns his home. You probably are not worrying about the position you hold—and you may be quite comfortable in your rented home, but there may "come a time" that things will look very differently. It is all the more reason for you to seriously figure the "ways and means" to secure either a

home or a well located lot to build on now. The amount of money you pay out for rent receipts will in time build your own home. You must make a start—otherwise you will not be across the tape at the finish. *Union Bridge Pilot*, June 10, 1921.

100 Years Ago Mr. R. R. Johnson, of Philadelphia the successor of Mr. G. Brook Yantis, as proprietor of the Hotel Albion, this city, took charge of that well known hostelry on the first inst. Mr. Johnson has had large experience as a hotel man and is not only expected to maintain the high reputation achieved by the Albion under its previous proprietor, but to make the house one of the most attractive to be found. Mr. Yantis left, with his family, on Thursday, for Littlestown, Pa., where he will reside for the present. The Albion, under his proprietorship, was exceedingly well kept, quiet and orderly. It is to Mr. Yantis' credit that on more than one occasion, when large crowds were in the town and drunkenness and disorderly conduct were prevalent, he closed his bar and refused to sell liquor. Meals were always on time, too, and service prompt and satisfactory, and it may fairly be said of Mr. Y. that he "knows how to keep a hotel." *American Sentinel*, June 5, 1896.