

December 27, 1998

25 Years Ago Loyalty Overriding Fear In Gasoline Sales Here—It snowed for the second time in the Taneytown-Union Bridge areas last Friday. Although the snow and cold plus the energy crisis could spell trouble, there's more loyalty than shortage at gas stations so far. JOE TUCK, at Tuck's Gulf in Union Bridge says he has "Less gas this year than last to go along with a greater demand." More specifically, Mr. Tuck is getting 4,000 gallons less a month. With the greater demand and shortages, prices have (naturally) gone up. But he is not benefiting from the increase. Maybe the oil companies are getting it but he is not sure. Like everybody else, Mr. Tuck is frustrated but isn't sure who to blame. Station owners as well as consumers are being asked to play "Simon says" with regards to fuel conservation. This particular Simon is William Simon, the new energy Czar. He has asked gas stations to limit their allocation to ten gallons per customer. So far compliance has been minimal. Mr. Tuck is giving his regular customers as much as they want, but is rationing others. *The Carroll Record*, December 27, 1973.

50 Years Ago Arrangements are being made for the Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service for the entire community around New Windsor at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Winter's at 11 o'clock the evening of Dec. 24th. A combined choir consisting of members of the choir of Emmanuel (Baust), St. Paul (Uniontown) and St. Luke (Winter's) will present a program under the direction of Mrs. Winfield Burkholder. Starting at 10:30 p.m., recordings of Christmas chimes, organ and vocal Christmas music will be played. At 11 o'clock, the choir will sing a cappella for a quarter hour as an echo choir from the balcony. After which they will march down into the auditorium and present solos, duets and other numbers as well as lead the congregation in singing the traditional carols. Mrs. Andrew F. Theisz will render selections on the violin. Everyone in the community is cordially invited to participate in this service commemorating the birth of the Savior. *Democratic Advocate*, December 24, 1948.

75 Years Ago No Rural Mail Christmas Day Delivery—Patrons of the Westminster post office take notice. The Post Office Department has declared December 25th, Christmas day, a holiday for rural carriers, therefore they will not serve their routes on Christmas day. However any of the rural patrons who desires to call at the post office before 9 a.m. on Christmas day may receive their mail. To further accommodate our patrons the post office will be open (for dispatch of mail only) until 9 p.m. Saturday, December 22nd, and Monday, December 24th, also Sunday, December 23rd, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The postmaster and employees of this office extend to all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year. *Democratic Advocate*, December 21, 1923.

100 Years Ago Miss Hallie D. Jones, daughter of Mr. Albert Jones, of Mt. Airy, has been missing since November 21st. The young lady about thirty years of age. She left home for a visit to Baltimore and spent about four weeks at a boarding house on Monument street. The day she was to return home, November 21st, she left the boarding house and has not been heard of by her family or friends since, though diligent search for her has been made by detectives in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and New York. Miss Jones' parents cannot assign any reason for her leaving home. A relative said Wednesday that on several occasions she had talked of going away, and expressed a desire to become a nurse, but nothing serious was thought of it. *Democratic Advocate*, December 24, 1898.