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25 Years Ago Many Matters Get Attention Of School Board - Schools Will Return To Routine Starting Time On March 4 — The Board of Education of Carroll County met on January 16 and discussed the following items of interest to this community: Energy Crisis —The Board unanimously voted March 1, 1974 as the last day for one-half hour delay in the starting time of schools. Beginning March 4, 1974, all schools and transportation routes will resume regular hours.*Community Reporter,* January 25, 1974.

50 Years Ago Another $100,000 Fire In Westminster - National Advertising Co. and Carroll Upholstering Factory Badly Damaged; Outside Fire Departments Help Fight Blaze—Our citizens were awakened about 6:30 Sunday morning when an alarm of fire was sounded for the National Advertising Plant No. 2, subsidiary of the Minnesota and Manufacturing Company, and the Carroll Upholstery firm, operated by Benjamin Rosenthal, on John street, with a loss of $100,000. The fire department arrived very quickly and found the fire had a big start and was dangerous, promptly sounded the second alarm, bringing more men and all equipment to fight the fire. Manchester, Hampstead and Taneytown fire departments were summoned and helped to extinguish the blaze. The fire was in a community where many frame houses and garages were close to the blazing buildings. The Minnesota Manufacturing Company manufacture large advertising signs, which are noticeable along our thoroughfares in Maryland and other states. The paints and products used in their line of business were very inflammable. The fire started in the boiler room, it is believed, as when discovered the building was a blaze and quickly spread throughout the main buildings. The ignitions of the paint soon caused a roaring blaze, which consumed the building and contents in a hurry. *Democratic Advocate,* January 28, 1949.

75 Years Ago It is reported that the Hampstead Fire Department is getting back at the persons who caused them a great deal of trouble at the last term of Court. A chimney of one of the agitators caught fire on his residence last week and he phoned the fire company to come, but word was telephoned back "to throw salt in the stove and if that did not help, let the house burn down, as they would not be there. *Democratic Advocate,* January 25, 1924.

100 Years Ago Westminster's two distinctively dry goods stores have adopted the cash system. This will be an advantage in both customers and proprietors, and it will equalize customers also. Goods have heretofore been sold at the prices marked. The cash customer bought for no less than the one who bought on credit. The cash system will permit of lower prices, a benefit to customers, and the proprietors will have no risk of loses. All business men should adopt the cash system as soon as can conveniently be done. *Democratic Advocate,* January 28, 1899.

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