

Yesterday

Items from the files of The Frederick News-Post

100 Years Ago

June 23, 1922

Fighting their way through Maryland, re-enacting the skirmishes incident to the battle of Gettysburg the United States Marine Corps east coast expeditionary force is strengthening itself in the hearts of Marylanders. The force is the big attraction where it goes and many of those who fought over the same grounds during the Civil War visit the boys in their camps and compare the changes of today and those of the sixties. They have to keep up a schedule in order to reach Gettysburg in time for re-enacting the big battle on its anniversary. But Frederick citizens are going to try to keep them a few hours beyond their schedule.

There will be no summer camp held by the Frederick YMCA this year, Physical Director Alvin Quinn announced last night. It was found impossible to go to Big Pool, the usual camping site, and no other satisfactory camping site was available, so the camp was definitely called off.

A large majority of approximately 2,000 railroad men at Brunswick, it was said yesterday, voted in favor of a strike in the railroad wage controversy. The ballots have been returned to headquarters in Cincinnati, and the employees are awaiting further instructions. Should a walkout or strike be ordered, transportation facilities at Brunswick will be tied up, it is said.

50 Years Ago

June 23, 1972

(Hurricane Agnes)
The entire town of Point of Rocks was evacu-

ated last night as the Potomac River swept into the city. By noon today, the river covered the lower halves of the buildings. Evacuation of flood plain communities was underway today as the Potomac River at Point of Rocks was to crest this afternoon at 33 feet, but by 8 a.m. the water was 33.2 feet and still rising. At Knoxville, water was up to the windows of a house trailer that was parked along the railroad. Residents at Sandy Hook were pleaded with to move out, and most of them in the low lying area were evacuated.

State police announced this afternoon that Interstate 70 South at the Monocacy River was expected to be closed due to possible flooding of the bridge. The Monocacy was still rising at press time. The Potomac River was measured at 38 feet and still rising at 11 a.m. Normal for the river is around 15 feet.

Today the National Institute of Health, National Cancer Institute announced the award of the prime contract for the NCI facility at Fort Detrick to Litton Bionetics Inc., of Bethesda, a subsidiary of Litton Industries Inc. This contract is the largest contract ever awarded by any Institute of Health, and it is the first award-fee contract ever negotiated by the National Cancer Institute. The contractor has no guarantee profit from his work at the facility in the \$6,850,000, first-year program to renovate, manage and operate the NCI facility at Fort Detrick.

20 Years Ago

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Intimidation of railroad strike-breakers has begun at Brunswick, Md. Personal persuasion, fortified with threats of future unnamed penalties, failing. Brunswick railroad strikers have resorted to abduction. Late Thursday night, George Houck, Frederick, a car inspector in the Brunswick yards, was "kidnapped" while coupling cars near the East Bound Station, hustled into an automobile and turned loose at Petersville, Md.

A stretch of two miles of concrete road, beginning at a point a short distance beyond Urbana and running through the town and connecting with a concrete roadway of slightly more than two miles from the bridge over the Monocacy river at Frederick Junction to Hope Hill, built last year, was completed yesterday. The completion of this link provides an improved road all the way from this city to Washington, with the exception of a stretch of 10 miles between Urbana and Clarksburg, two miles of which is now being improved.

This is the month: to pick berries. To hunt the shade. To can all you can. To wonder where all the weeds come from. To clean out all the weeds and bushes along the roadway. To give a little special thought to the real meaning of the Fourth. To sell all the broody hens; hens wanting to sit out of season are wasters. To scratch at chiggers; there is no real remedy except a warm salt bath.

50 Years Ago

July 15, 1972

Construction crews of Lake Linganore at Eaglehead shortly after sunrise Friday began moving tons of rock fill into the present bed of Linganore Creek, taking the final steps toward "choking off" the stream, second largest in Frederick Coun-

ty. The stream flow will be diverted through a 4-foot diameter pipe while work proceeds at fullest possible speed on emplacing the final tonnages of fill needed to bring the Lake Linganore great dam to its designed height. When this happens, behind the dam will form the largest private recreational lake in the state of Maryland, a serpentine 4,000-acre lake that will have a total of 13.5 miles of shoreline when fully flooded.

The Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission rezoned a 10-acre tract east of Opossumtown Pike Thursday and approved it for a planned unit development. The action enabled Urban Systems Incorporated, a division of Westinghouse, to continue its plans to build a total of 1,266 dwelling units on its 122-acre property by 1977.

20 Years Ago

July 15, 2002

WASHINGTON — Lost in all the outrage over the corporate accounting scandals is one fact politicians do not like to acknowledge: The auditing problems at American companies cannot rival the book-keeping shambles of the world's largest enterprise — the U.S. government. Exaggerated earnings, disguised liabilities, off-budget shenanigans — they are all there in the government's ledgers on a scale even the biggest companies could not dream of matching.

Mark Eyre of Battle Creek, Mich., is a math teacher. Steve Tanck, of Janesville, Wis., works in a tube factory. Frederick County resident Ed Henline is a plumber. Generations ago, the Ford Model T was built for people just like them. It was the first car that middle-class Americans could readily afford. The men belong to the Model T Ford Club International, which has chosen Frederick for its 46th Annual Tour to be held this week.

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July 18, 1922

With a "patrol line" extending from Knoxville to Brunswick, and throughout the extensive Baltimore and Ohio Railroad system, Brunswick these days resembles an "armed camp." But it is a unique "armed camp." One organized in preparedness, rather than out of apparent necessity. With the exception of George Houck, Frederick car inspector, and the flurry following the drawing of a revolver by George Lewis, laborer, on the streets of the city, there has been no trouble of consequence at Brunswick, either with the strikers or with the strikebreakers.

Plans are nearing completion for the motorcycle races which will be run off at the Fair Grounds on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Promoter Chester Delphey, of this city. Entries for the races are coming in rapidly, it is said, and some Maryland track records are expected to be smashed. The first event will be a 10-mile side car race. The next event will be a 5-mile solo open. The third event will be a 5-mile side car open. The fourth and last event is a 10-mile solo open.

50 Years Ago

July 18, 1972

No names were mentioned, but the Republican party reports receiving a growing number of Democratic supporters to their campaign to reelect President Nixon. "I'm utterly amazed at the number of Democrats who've called me and offered their services," said State Senator Edward Thomas, state campaign chairman for Nixon.

"The Democratic delegates I've talked to are all sour on McGovern," said state delegate Julien Delphey. "They won't publicly say this, but privately they do."

The Frederick office of the U.S. Postal Service begins a new service to the public on July 24. A "Night Owl" collection will be made from certain strategically located collection boxes around the city after the normal Monday through Friday. Mail in these boxes will be collected between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

20 Years Ago

July 18, 2002

The Dougherty administration has cracked down on city workers who disregard traffic laws and driving courtesy when in city vehicles and use the vehicles to run personal errands during working hours. Mayor Jennifer Dougherty said she is trying to promote safety and cut waste, but the policy provoked charges that the city is anti-business. In an open letter to city employees, Ms. Dougherty advised "... City vehicles at medical offices, fast food restaurants or grocery and liquor stores during normal business hours are inappropriate and I ask that you restrict such trips to your personal vehicles."

The city of Frederick is "one of America's dozen distinctive destinations," according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The city recently received the designation because of its "fine restaurants, art galleries, antique shops galore, more than its share of Revolutionary and Civil War ghosts and a plucky long deceased heroine name Barbara Fritchie."

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July 21, 1922

Just 15 minutes of heavy rain caused quite a flood in the vicinity of Clarksburg, Montgomery county, Tuesday afternoon. A force of employees of the M.J. Grove Lime Company, constructing a bridge over the Little Seneca creek, stopped until it finished raining. As soon as the downpour ceased, they resumed work. All at once, the water began to rise. In a few short minutes, the creek was out of bank, and the men were marooned on the bridge. They took off their clothes and waded across the flood. The waters continued to rise for some time at the rate of a foot a minute.

Reports reaching the Office of The Post yesterday afternoon would indicate that if the rail strike continued to spread freight, trains will have to be moved by horse power. Already it has been found necessary to use horses to move freight cars in one instance at least. Stephens City, Va., a point on the Shenandoah Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, reports that the shortage of hands made the use of horses necessary in switching three freight cars from the main line to the siding adjoining the plant of a prominent shipper of that town.

County briefs: New Market — The electric current was turned on last Tuesday. Miss Nannie Reich has a geranium which is about 10 years old, which originally had bright red flowers. This summer it has turned pink and had 40 bunches of blooms on it at one time.

50 Years Ago

July 21, 1972

With a new proposal for a tiered parking garage before them, the citizens of Frederick today are questioning the cost of the facility to the average taxpayer. Early this morning, a group of Frederick citizens met informally with this reporter [Larry Lipman] and expressed resentment and apprehension that the tiered lot, if built, might increase property taxes.

WASHINGTON — The Senate has voted to boost the minimum hourly wage to \$2.20, a move that could bring bigger paychecks to millions of workers and more labor support for Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern. The increase from the present minimum of \$1.60 was the largest single pay hike in history. As approved, the minimum wage will go from \$1.60 to \$2 for most nonfarm workers 60 days after enactment and to the full \$2.20 in two years.

For 11 consecutive days, it has been hot and humid, and the end is still not in sight. The present heat wave started around July 12, when the temperature reached a high of 93 degrees. The same high mark was recorded yesterday. The lowest daytime high was a "cool" 86 degrees. Unionville, the county's "cold spot," recorded an "uncold" 93 degrees yesterday. The predicted weather forecast for the next four days is the same as for the last 10 days: hot and humid, highs in the low 90s.

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July 21, 2002

The archives for this date are unavailable.

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July 29, 1922

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Brunswick suffered a complete and sudden shortage of water, to supply the boilers and engines of the road and for fire protection Wednesday. Brunswick was called upon to relieve the situation and responded to the appeal. It seems that someone purposely stuffed a number of burlap bags into the supply pipe at the Poto-mac river, which supplies the railroad need.

The Hotel Slagle on upper West Main street, Emmitsburg, formerly the Emmet House, has been sold to Will F. Roberts, a hotel man of Washington, D.C., who gets possession Tuesday, August 1. The new owner has announced that the hotel will resume its old name, Emmet House, in order to distinguish it from the New Slagle Hotel in the western part of the town. The hotel is one of the oldest in Western Maryland.

50 Years Ago

July 29, 1972

The average class size in Frederick County schools dropped to 28.4 in 1971 from 30.0 in 1970, reported Meade Felton, administrative assistant to the county superintendent. Class size, the ratio of students per teacher, is a rough index of educational quality, assuming that teachers are more effective teaching with a smaller number of students.

Fire destroyed a bank barn owned by William Bell on Olive School Road Friday afternoon. Both the barn and its contents — stored lumber and antique farm machinery — were destroyed. Fire Marshal Donald

C. Barnes estimated the loss of the barn at \$15,000; the value of the contents has not yet been determined.

20 Years Ago

July 29, 2002

Donald Zumbach, 13, and other members of Scout Troop 277 faced a predicament Saturday. A test prior to Brunswick's annual River Race showed their homemade boat wouldn't float. Although the predicament might have left some people with a sinking feeling, Donald, the troop's senior patrol leader, wasn't disheartened. At the end of the day, Troop 277 proved persistence pays off. The scout's boat came in second place in the "two or more manned homemade craft" category after the boys followed a suggestion by Scoutmaster Jim Cox, and added another barrel and two inner tubes to the boat. "That did the trick," said Donald.

Its titanium-lined blade spins 700 mph, successfully ripping chunks out of opponents, leaving them helpless. Its 340 pounds is carried on rubber treads that can roll from 20 to 25 mph, and it looks like a cheese wedge. It's Atomic Wedgie. Rob Everhart, of Mount Airy, co-owner of Atomic Wedgie, demonstrated the maneuverability and power of the destructive robot at the Mount Airy Senior Center on Saturday as part of Robot Invasion, Part II. About 200 people, mostly families, showed up for the demonstration, which also featured three other battle-tested robots. All four robots competed in the recent tournament, which was taped for the next season of the popular television series "BattleBots."

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SATURDAY

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July 30, 2002

The Frederick County Teachers Association released its endorsements for state and county races Monday, affirming the selections of a union interview committee. FCTA President Nancy Dietz said more than 70 percent of the members agreed with the picks, which included Valerie Moore Dale, the wife of Frederick County School Superintendent Jack Dale, who is the teachers' boss. Ms. Dietz saw no conflict in her union's endorsement of Ms. Dale, who is running for one of two seats in the House of Delegates for District 4A.

Crop dusting will get under way in the Frederick County area in the near future. The small plane will be spraying soybean fields in areas that include Urbana, Lime Kiln, Md. 85, Linganore Road and near the Frederick Municipal Airport, according to a news release from the city of Frederick. The pilot will be flying about 50 feet above the fields.

When the state House Appropriations Committee visits Frederick County today, Frederick Mayor Jennifer Dougherty will use the opportunity to pitch a proposed \$9 million expansion of Harry Grove Stadium. "Yes, we are looking for money," Ms. Dougherty said Monday when asked what she hoped to reap from the committee visit. "We are seeking up to \$3 million from the state."

SUNDAY

100 Years Ago

July 31, 1922

Marion Freshour, formerly of this city, and a world war veteran, 23



Photo from Frederick County Public Libraries

Brunswick's Swank Hardware Store on West Potomac Street was gutted by fire early on the morning of April 14, 1940. Residents in second-floor apartments lost substantial personal property. The third floor contained a lodge room that was destroyed.

years old, pleaded guilty Saturday in Washington to an indictment charging bigamy, and the case was referred to a probation officer for investigation. He is a son of the late David Freshour and has been residing in Washington some time. "I'll go back to either wife that the court decides," Freshour said, but Chief Justice McCoy declined to make the selection, remarking that "Solomon has been dead for thousands of years." The prisoner married Catherine Smith, aged 16, of this city, in Baltimore October 18, 1910. Without obtaining a divorce from her, Freshour married Bertha L. Harris in Washington county January 29 last.

A stranger from Frederick who visited Brunswick Saturday found that the railroad town was like two armed camps with the street running east and west bordering on the yards of a veritable no-man's land. The forces representing the Baltimore and Ohio Railway were holding the sector between this street and the Potomac river while the army of strikers held the rest of Brunswick. Each side had a line of sentinels watching every movement of the enemy, carefully scrutinizing all strangers, and

showing no particular desire to become chatty with people they did not know.

Cantaloupes are comparatively plentiful this season. There is a very good supply available on the local markets, and the demand is about up to normal. Cantaloupes are quoted at various prices, but the average is about three or four for 25 cents.

50 Years Ago

July 31, 1972

City Treasurer Louis E. Eichelberger today said the city is hoping to get only about \$4 million in payment for the \$200,000 ransom given to Confederate Jubal Early in 1864. Eichelberger corrected an earlier News-Post article, which stated the 108-year-old ransom would bring the amount close to \$14,000,000. According to federal regulations, Eichelberger stated the interest is not compounded yearly as stated in the article, it is just simple interest. He commented that many people would be disheartened if the \$14 million figure were allowed to stand uncorrected.

Private negotiations are currently underway between Michael J. Croghan and city parking committee Chairman Glenmore Rice for the purchase of the Ho-

tel Frederick, which has been closed since the end of June. If the site is purchased, the old hotel on North Market Street will be razed, and the land will be used for parking. Mayor E. Paul Magaha stated today that any parking on that site would definitely not be the tiered or garage type.

20 Years Ago

July 31, 2002

A judge overturned the Mount Airy election Tuesday, installing James S. Holt as mayor and ousting three-term incumbent Gerald R. Johnson because the town elections board wrongly discarded 252 write-in votes for Mr. Holt. The ruling by Carroll County Circuit Court Judge Raymond E. Beck Sr. ended more than two months of uncertainty in Mount Airy, where Mr. Johnson continued to serve as mayor after the disputed May election.

The ninth annual U.S. Marbles Championship will be held at Frederick County Park in Middletown on Saturday and Sunday. The competition consists of two separate divisions for male and female competitors, and the top eight shooters in each division will be awarded trophies, cash and certificates.

Libertytown wastewater treatment plant hook-ups are a hot commodity. After extensive discussion Tuesday, the Frederick County Commissioners voted 3-2 to release just 26 hook-ups. Later, they agreed unanimously to hold the remaining hook-ups until a study is conducted. Just how the hook-ups will be allocated is another issue, and Commissioner John L. Thompson Jr. moved that all discussions be held in public, not behind closed doors.

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Aug. 30, 1922

William A. Stultz is to pay the supreme penalty for the murder of Policeman John H. Adams in this city on August 9. Convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury at the Rockville Court this morning at 12:14 o'clock, Stultz collapsed when Chief Judge Hammond Urner sentenced him to be hanged. He begged for mercy, protesting that Policeman Adams "was a friend. I did not mean to kill him!"

The erection of a hotel and barracks on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway's right of way, facing Third street in Brunswick, was authorized yesterday by President Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio, who in company with Vice-President C.W. Galloway, visited Brunswick yesterday morning. The hotel and barracks will be built to house strikebreakers during the winter months.

40 Years Ago

Aug. 30, 1982

At least four public schools in Frederick County will open late this year, but projected student population figures are expected to be on target, according to Board of Education officials. Two of the county's middle schools will open late this year, Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle will open to students on Tuesday, Aug. 31, one day late, while West Frederick Middle will open on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Elm Street School also will open Sept. 1. Opening day for Parkway Elementary is set for Wednesday, Sept. 1. Urbana Elementary will open Monday, Aug. 30, rather than Aug. 31 as previously reported. Last-minute details to clean-up projects require extra time before opening for those schools under construction or renovation this summer. Other students returned to school today.

Hog callers ... step forth! Any arguments about who is the best hog caller in Frederick county will

be settled this year during Great Frederick Fair Week (Sept. 21-25). The Frederick County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) and the American Lung Association are sponsoring the first hog calling championship for both adults and youths. "This is a new event we're trying to get started at the fair," said Joe Free, fair board vice president. "And it promises to be a lot of fun, for the spectators as well as the callers."

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20 Years Ago

Aug. 30, 2002

A 2-year-old girl was pulled from an ornamental fish pond at a home off Reich's Ford Road on Thursday night and revived by her grandfather before she was flown to a Washington hospital, said Cpl. Rob Scire of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. The girl's family was having dinner on their home's back deck when the toddler wandered away and apparently fell into the pond, Cpl. Scire said. The girl was listed in critical condition at Children's Hospital late Thursday night, he said.

Frederick County farmers got some rain over the last few days, but many are not feeling particularly thankful. Prolonged drought and heat chopped corn yields by 25 percent on average and soybean losses maybe a "little more" than that, said Harry W.T. Fouchie, chairman of the county's Farm Service Agency. The problem has not been just the drought, it's the heat, said Gene Mullinix, who handles several million bushels of grain every year as the owner of Mullinix Grains and Fertilizer Co. Inc. in Frederick. "When you have 90- to 100-degree temperatures, the evaporation is much greater than at 80 degrees. It's real simple," Mr. Mullinix said.

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100 Years Ago Sept. 6, 1922

One of the few surviving widows of veterans of the War of 1812, Mrs. George Shawbaker, Monrovia, will observe the one hundred and second anniversary of her birth with her family and descendants tomorrow. She was born in Bavaria, now a province of Germany, in 1820 but emigrated to America with her parents in 1831. The family settled first of all in Frederick. Later, she married George Shawbaker, a veteran of the War of 1812. She had one son, who served in the Civil War, and five grandsons, who served in the World War. She displays a remarkable memory and enjoys good health in spite of her advanced years.

Yesterday was the blackest and saddest day of all the year to the disconsolate school boy and girl who had to trudge back to school at the close of a pleasant vacation. Incomplete reports from widely scattered districts of the county indicate that the enrollment for the first day broke all records. In spite of the fact that the corn canning season is at its height, a number of schools reported the largest enrollment in history.

Conditions in Brunswick were described Tuesday as becoming tense, possibly more so than at any other time since the strike began on July 1. As wages fail to come in and the scant amount that the unions pay to the families of the men on strike fails more and more to meet the expenses, it is reported that the shoppers are not in a pleasant frame of mind. Bootleg whiskey is also making its way into the town, and the officers are having difficulty in continuing this menace to peace and order.

40 Years Ago Sept. 6, 1982

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20 Years Ago Sept. 6, 2002

ATLANTA — Using lessons learned from last fall's anthrax attacks, federal health officials are responding to the West Nile virus with improved emergency efforts that were designed for a bioterrorism attack. "In a way West Nile is similar to what would happen in bioterrorism," said Dr. Stephen Ostroff, who monitors the virus for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "You'd have individuals showing up in hospitals with a previously unrecognized illness, where you have to move quickly to figure out what's going on to cause it." While the spread of West Nile is a natural phenomenon and nothing like the potential disaster of a deliberate terrorist release of germs, the CDC officials say they are relying on what they learned last fall to cope this time.

Residents of downtown Frederick had their complaints about illegal neighborhood activity answered Wednesday night and Thursday morning as police conducted an undercover sting operation targeting prostitution and drug dealing, police officials said. The division's drug enforcement unit and directed patrol unit arrested six people, one of them twice, in the 300-700 blocks of North Market Street and around the John Hanson and Taney apartment complexes. The area is a hotbed of prostitution and drugs, according to Sgt. Allen Yingling of the Frederick Police Department.