

**July 30, 1995**

**25 Years Ago** Women Voters League Marking 50th 'Birthday' - In launching the League of Women Voters' 50th Anniversary in 1970, President Nixon declared; "For fifty years the League of Women Voters has provided Americans in every state with information on candidates and issues, and it has furnished a non-partisan platform from which all candidates may be seen and heard. These activities have strengthened government and have helped to sustain the public zeal." The League of Carroll County is one of 1,296 leagues throughout the U.S. with 155,615 members in every State of the Union and Puerto Rico. There are 16 other leagues in the State of Maryland. The preparation of Voter's Guides is one of the principal functions of the League and is conducted on national, state and local levels. In preparing a Voter's Guide, each candidate for office is questioned by mail on selected pertinent issues. The candidate's views, plus a short biography, are published. The response from candidates who are running for political office in Carroll County has been remarkable and very gratifying to the League. Every possible effort is made to avoid judgment or bias in Voter Service publications or public statements. The activities of the Voter Service Committee are entirely independent from the League's other activities such as the study and action programs. When the League arrives at consensus and action is taken on a study item, this decision is not reflected in Voters Service or the Voter's Guide. *Community Reporter*, July 24, 1970.

**50 Years Ago** 260 APPLICANTS FOR TELEPHONES - Lawrence C. Card, C. & P. Manager, Has His Problems in Carroll County - Because wartime restrictions are being relaxed on the production of certain types of telephone equipment for civilian use, many of the thousands of applicants for telephone service are asking "How soon will I get my telephone?" states Mr. Lawrence C. Card, manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City. This is a natural question. The public is reading of the removal of war-time restrictions in many lines of business. A number of these have gone into actual production and are beginning to supply the backed-up demands of their customers. There are more than 260 applications for service being held in Carroll county for lack of telephone facilities and more applications are being received each day, stated Mr. Card. The number of new telephones that can be expected under the restricted manufacturing program is nowhere near enough to meet the demand. It will still be a long time before all those who are waiting for telephones will be able to get them. The removal of restrictions in the telephone industry finds the telephone manufacturers in this position. The war with Japan has not been won and the industry is still so tied up with military orders that until all these requirements are fulfilled, it will simply be unable to resume large-scale production for civilian use. Take telephone instruments, for example. The industry has been freed to make as many of them as it needs, but until materials and manpower become available, its output is going to be limited and far from sufficient to supply the widespread public demand. *Democratic Advocate*, July 27, 1945.

**75 Years Ago** TANEYTOWN - While D. J. Hesson was on his way to Baltimore on last Thursday morning accompanied by Misses Amelia and Elizabeth Annan, Mary Brining, and Ethel Sauerhammer, a Mr. Jackson of near Finksburg collided with Mr. Hesson, completely demolishing the Jackson car, and damaging the Hesson car considerably. Mr. Hesson saw the other car coming and tried to avoid it by turning aside but Jackson was running in a zig-zag manner and it was impossible to avoid the crash, which occurred near Finksburg. The occupants of the Hesson car were all slightly injured and Mr. Hesson

and the Misses Annan returned home while the Misses Brining and Sauerhammer proceeded to Baltimore where Miss Mary Brining received aid from her sister Miss Pauline, who is a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital. All are on a fair road to recovery, and their escape from death was nothing short of a miracle. *Union Bridge Pilot*, July 30, 1920.

**100 Years Ago** A Singular Invasion - During the latter part of last and the first three days of this week this city [Westminster] suffered an invasion from myriads of insects of the beetle species, which night after night swarmed about the electric arc lights on the streets and were found in large numbers on the sidewalks and doorsteps, and even in the houses nearest the lights. So annoying were they that some persons were constrained to retire within doors and to remote portions of their dwellings to escape the nuisance. The insects, which were about three-fourths of an inch long, and black, fell into the globes of the arc lights in large quantities, and in some instances to such an extent as to obstruct the illumination of the streets. In several cases they came in contact with the electric current and took fire. Their burning occasioned a most offensive odor. They seemed to be at their height on Sunday night, but were scarcely less numerous on Monday and Tuesday evenings. They had nearly disappeared on Wednesday, driven away, possibly, by the cool weather about that date. Bushels of them were emptied from the globes from several mornings in succession. They are known as harvest bugs and are troublesome little pests. *American Sentinel*, June 27, 1895.