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25 Years Ago Heavy Rainstorm Damages Roads - Torrential rains heavily damaged roads in the South Patapsco drainage area over the weekend and a roads official estimated 2,000 man hours would be needed to repair them. County road director John Diven said Tuesday that he had his entire maintenance force of 70 men concentrated in the area between Mt. Airy and Marriottsville along the river basin. He said that 4 graders, 2 front end loaders and 25 trucks were also involved in the job which should see the roads repaired by the beginning of next week. The county commissioners told road officials in a meeting Tuesday to instruct their men not to drive into flood waters because of the danger of becoming trapped. Saturday night three road workers were trapped for several hours before they could be rescued by boat. According to Commissioner G. Norman Graham, no dollar figure has been placed on the flood damage yet. Most of the damages was washed out shoulders and plugged drainage systems, the roads director said. He said that some dirt roads had been washed out badly, but none were closed now. Most of the work will be repairing shoulders and holes washed in the roads, he said. *Democratic Advocate* , September 16, 1971.

50 Years Ago HAMPSTEAD FIRE COMPANY BUYS AMBULANCE - The Board of Managers of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine and Hose Company No. 1 approved the action of the company and authorized the purchase, installation and operation of an ambulance. Immediately upon receiving the authorization, the Ambulance Committee, Dr. E. M. Bush, chairman, E. Sterling Brown, Carroll C. Therit, Paul R. Garrett and J. Oscar Armacost purchased one of the latest types of ambulances and expect to have the new machine in operation early next year. *Democratic Advocate*, September 20, 1946.

75 Years Ago The vehicular congestion on Main street, particularly on Saturday nights, with frequent minor accidents, suggests that an ordinance be passed to remove all hitching posts in this section of the town and provide for a well-lighted private hitching ground. Automobiles by pulling close alongside the curb can park on either side of the street and still provide ample space for vehicles to pass without interruption. On the other hand, horse-drawn vehicles must hitch diagonally in order to avoid cutting off the hitching space for one or two others, yet occupy considerably more of the street's width than an automobile. We feel sure this plan would meet with the approval of the drivers of both kinds of vehicles. *Union Bridge Pilot*, September 16, 1921.

100 Years Ago A reunion of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, was held last Saturday, in Walden's Grove, near Middleburg. The demonstration was in charge of Camps No. 2, of Taneytown, and No. 9, of Middleburg, and was attended by members of the order from Baltimore, Sparrows Point, Westminster and other points in the state. Nearly all of the twenty-three camps in the state were represented. The exercises of the day opened with a street parade, which formed in front of Walden's Hall, and then proceeded to the grove. The speakers in the morning were Warren Lincoln, of Baltimore, and Rev. Mr. Wood, of Unionville. Edwin H. Hartzell, of Camp No. 23, Baltimore, sang a song of his own composition, entitled "Baltimore, My Home," dedicated in sentiment to the Old Defenders of 1812-14. In the afternoon speeches were made by Rev. B. W. Kindley, of Uniontown, and Dr. Luther Kemp, state president of the P.O.S. of A. in Maryland. *Democratic Advocate*, September 19, 1896.