

**February 16, 1997**

**25 Years Ago** County's Towns Ready To File In Suit to Retrieve Racing Funds— The County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League finalized plans to go on with their suit for race track money which has been allocated to the schools in a meeting Wednesday, February 10, in Union Bridge. James Talbert, Hampstead clerk, attending with other members of his city's council, stated that at that time Sykesville had not yet decided to join and it was agreed among those represented that in case the town refused, the remaining members of the eight municipalities would "pick up the tab." *The Carroll Record*, February 17, 1972.

**50 Years Ago** Manchester Firemen To Hold Indoor Carnival— The Manchester Firemen's Association will hold their annual indoor carnival on Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 22-23. On Friday night entertainment will be by the Black and White Trio and the Blue Ridge Girls' beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening, Feb. 23, a chicken and oyster supper will be served beginning at 4 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. entertainment will be by the Miller Sisters, of Baltimore, featuring an eleven year old xylophone player. There will be refreshments and prizes each night. *Democratic Advocate*, February 15, 1947.

**75 Years Ago** New Rifle Club For Westminster— On February 10th, several men of Westminster met in Lewis Hall, at the College, and formed the Westminster Rifle Club, and elected officers as follows: Captain E. G. Smith, president; S. S. Wilson, vice-president; J. Albert Mitten, secretary; H. L. Hobby, treasurer, and J. Carberry Boyle, executive officer. The purpose of this organization is to learn how to shoot the rifle and revolver and it will be a part of the National Rifle Association. For the present the indoor range at the College will be used, but the range at the Armory is better and application will be made with the proper authorities for the use of it. Next Monday night a shooting match will be held with the idea of picking a team to beat the College team. Members are to meet at the Red Front Store at 7:45 and transportation will be furnished to the College range. Members be ready. *Democratic Advocate*, February 17, 1922.

**100 Years Ago** Several boys escaped from the Home for Feeble-Minded Children, near Owings' Mills, on Monday night. They boarded the train arriving here about 8 o'clock at night. Two left the train before it got to Westminster, and the other was put off here by Conductor Wright, and given into the custody of the sheriff. The authorities of the institution sent for him and took him back. *Democratic Advocate*, February 13, 1897.