

**May 18, 1997**

**25 Years Ago** \$75,525 HAMPSTEAD BUDGE OKAYED WITHOUT TAX INCREASE—The Hampstead City Council, meeting May 15, acted on a state approved parking plan, set a meeting to adopt the zoning map, "clustered" mailboxes, and accepted a \$72,525 budget requiring no tax increase. Three local residents were present as observers including new home owners George Grogen and Joe Marshall. BUDGET—Upon the assurance of Council Chairman Oden Kemp that the town "has funds to meet the fiscal year's requirements," the council accepted the proposed \$72,525 budget. Income for the general fund was estimated as \$48,465; water, \$15,550 and roads, \$8,510, with all appropriations the same. The new budget will be published in detail and the public hearing is scheduled for the next meeting, June 19. *The Carroll Record*, May 18, 1972.

**50 Years Ago** OIL CAUSES BRIGHT FIRE—No fire to occur in this city for many years, brought out so many excited citizens as the fire Saturday morning when the former blacksmith shop and contents consisting of oil, greases, etc., owned by W. H. Davis Company, who rented the building to the Farmers Supply Company, was completely destroyed from some unknown cause. The flames leaped high into the sky, illuminating the entire city, until the fire department had a stream of water on the fire, soon bringing it under control. The C. & P. Telephone Company suffered damages when a cable was melted through by the extreme heat, which required some time to make repairs. *Democratic Advocate*, May 16, 1947.

**75 Years Ago** While plowing, Calvin Cook, of Warfieldsburg, found a land tortoise which had been marked in 1885 by his brother Steward Cook and in 1906 was marked by Calvin Cook and again May 5, 1922, was found by Mr. Cook on the same farm where it had been marked in 1885, still living and as fat as could be, for we know the tortoise is over 37 years of age as it is the same size now as it was the first time it was marked. *Democratic Advocate*, May 19, 1922.

**100 Years Ago** A rare bird in this section was exhibited at the ADVOCATE office on Wednesday morning by Mr. Howell Davis, living near Smallwood. It was a sea gull, full grown, and Mr. Davis caught it in a field on the farm of Mr. John F. Frick on Tuesday morning. It was sitting on a log, and made no attempt to fly, but attempted to peck Mr. Davis. The bird measured 4 feet and 11 inches across the wings. The sea gull lives on the water, and has web feet like a duck. It must have been blown inland by the storm of Monday night, and gotten tired out. *Democratic Advocate*, May 15, 1897.