

**March 7, 1999**

**25 Years Ago** New Library Being Sought For Mt. Airy - Movement Being Promoted Through Essay-Writing Program And Post Card Project—At the recent meeting of "The Friends of the Library" held at the home of Mrs. Normandy, Mt. Airy, a small but enthusiastic group launched a program. The plan, with the approval of Jack Duvall, principal of the local schools, to promote the writing of essays by local students. The subject of the essays will be "I would like to see a new and more adequate library in Mt. Airy because" and the students will give their reasons. Mr. Duvall will work out the details with his teaching staff. The essays will be submitted to Pearce Bowius, who will review them together with a committee of his own choosing, and the essays will then be forwarded to the Office of the Community Reporter for publication. *The Community Reporter*, March 1, 1974.

**50 Years Ago** Dick Harlow Coming Back to Western Maryland—Dick Harlow is returning to football which he had to give up in 1947 after 37 years of coaching because of ill health. Harlow is coming back to Western Maryland which he guided into major grid circles from 1926 through 1934. Dr. Lowell S. Ensor, college president, said Harlow will join the athletic department next fall "in an advisory capacity." Harlow returned to his home here two years ago when he had to quit coaching at Harvard where he had been since leaving Western Maryland. He previously coached at Colgate and Penn. State, of which he is an alumnus. Harlow won the "coach of the year" award in his second year at Harvard. Ensor said, "Harlow has no desire to return to the active coaching responsibilities." He will assist Coach Charlie Havens, who succeeded him in planning and scouting. Harlow did some scouting last year for Brown, coached by Rip Engle, one of Dick's players at Western Maryland. While Harlow was coach, Western Maryland won 60 games, tied 7 and lost 13. He had one string of 27 games without defeat. *Democratic Advocate*, March 4, 1949.

**75 Years Ago** Policeman Pinched - Fined \$100 For Driving Auto While Intoxicated. . Released On Bail For Court—Officer Clarence Rotousky and Miss Jillian Schlenz, of Baltimore, who were arrested last Wednesday night, February 26, by Officer Miller, and charged with operating a car while under the influence of liquor, was given a hearing Wednesday morning before Justice Hutchins. After hearing the evidence Rotousky was found guilty and fined \$100 and costs and Miss Schlenz was dismissed. Rotousky had his case immediately appealed by his Attorney E. O. Weant and was released several hours later under bond of \$250 for his appearance at Court, when Mrs. Florence Pfeifer of Baltimore, furnished the security. Rotousky and Miss Schlenz came to this city and both were full of the cup of joy with Rotousky at the wheel, who was driving up Main street. At Bond street Officer Miller noticed a car coming up the street, running in a zigzag formation and stopped it, finding Rotousky and the girl in an intoxicated condition, arrested them and placed them in jail, but were released some time during the night for their appearance on Wednesday. *Democratic Advocate*, March 7 1924.

**100 Years Ago** Fires In Carroll - One In Taneytown, One at Keysville and One Near Linwood—A fire occurred in Taneytown, between 10:30 and 12 Wednesday morning, by which four small colored children barely escaped with their lives. A large frame building, owned by John E. Davidson and used partly as a storage warehouse and as dwelling, was burned to the ground with all its contents. The contents of the warehouse consisted of tobacco, barrels of oil, a buggy and other articles and were

owned by Mr. Davidson. The dwelling portion was occupied by Benjamin Coates, colored, his wife and four children. The fire originated in the warehouse and when the doors were broken open by the Taneytown fire department the buggy was in a blaze. The building would probably have been saved but for the explosion of the barrels of coal oil. It was only through the heroic efforts of the firemen that adjoining buildings were saved. *Democratic Advocate*, March 4, 1899.