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25 Years Ago Planners Vote Against Shopping Mall Proposal - Rt. 140 Plan Now Up To Lawmakers - Citing potential traffic problems on Route 140 and the existence of other shopping centers near Westminster, the planning and zoning commission last week recommended against a proposed 32-acre shopping center on the Westminster by-pass. The shopping center proposal, which would replace the dairy farm across Route 140 from the Carroll Plaza Center with 331,600 square feet of stores in an enclosed mall and 3,264 parking spaces, now goes to the county commissioners for a public hearing and a final vote. Based on reports from the planning staff and a private consultant, the planning commission vote came during a controversial closed meeting a week and a half ago. Planning consultant Malcom H. Dill, whom the commission called in last August to study the proposed center, reported that "basically, it seems bad planning and zoning to propose a sizable shopping center directly across U.S. 140 from the two existing ones." *Democratic Advocate*, September 30, 1971.

50 Years Ago Couple Married At Taneytown Fair - A crowd of 7,000 turned out Wednesday evening for the public wedding and other events at the 46th annual Carroll County Agricultural and Fair Association exhibition at Taneytown. The first fair day of the fair brought out a record attendance. Crowds gathered early for the public wedding spectacle at 8 p.m. on the platform in front of the grandstand. Truman B. Cash served as master of ceremonies, and for the first time the identities of the principals and participants in the wedding were made known. The bride was Miss Mabel Gertrude Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller, Westminster, and the bridegroom, Charles Edward Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence, Uniontown. The bridegroom had Kenneth Lawrence as his best man, and the ushers were Paul Martin, George Miller, Lyverne Leese and William Fleagle. A wedding supper was served the bridal party immediately following the ceremony at Taney Inn, Taneytown. This was the twelfth wedding ceremony in the series of public weddings sponsored by the Taneytown fair and fifteen couples were united at these ceremonies, several having been double weddings. *Democratic Advocate*, September 27, 1946.

75 Years Ago Food and Clothing Cost Less In U.S. - Food, shelter, clothing and other necessities and hundreds of comforts and luxuries now are within the reach of residents of the United States at far lower costs than in any country in the world. This is shown for the first time in history in data collected by the Federal Reserve Board and now available for publication. America has always been the land of high wages and high prices. Wages throughout the United States despite wholesale reductions still are higher than anywhere else in the world. Prices of practically all commodities at the same time are at record low levels in this country compared with the European nations. The general level of wholesale prices through the United States is approximately 41 per cent above the level of the pre-war period. But in other countries wholesale levels, according to the reports of the Federal Reserve Board, are as follows: Italy, 400 per cent above the pre-war period; United Kingdom, 100 per cent; France, 232 per cent; Germany, 1467 per cent; Sweden, 111 per cent; Denmark, 153 per cent; Australia, 60 per cent; Canada, 76 per cent; India, 83 per cent. *Union Bridge Pilot*, September 30, 1921.

100 Years Ago Harvest Home Festivals - The Harvest Home services have just been held in the three churches of the Uniontown charge—Winter's, Baust, and Mt. Union—Rev. G. W. Baughman, pastor. The

chancels of the different churches each presented a unique and attractive appearance, having been decorated with all the fruits and grain of the season. Tall stalks of corn, sheaves of wheat, rye, oats and buckwheat decorated the pillars and railings, while apples, pears, peaches, grapes, quinces, jarred fruits, jellies, cantaloupes and watermelons, sacks of flour, cabbage, pumpkins, beets, peppers, celery, Irish and sweet potatoes, sweet corn, field corn and a bag of oats were banked in profusion inside the chancel railings. All of which was presented to the pastor at close of service. The pastor preached an edifying sermon from 145 Ps., 15-16 verses, to large and appreciative audiences. *American Sentinel*, September 26, 1896.