

**May 24, 1998**

**25 Years Ago** MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BURNS ITS MORTGAGE—Messiah United Methodist Church, formerly Messiah Evangelical United Brethren Church, has been integral part of Taneytown since 1840. In 1969 with the debt standing over \$20,000, under the leadership of the present pastor and several key lay-persons, the congregation began to experience two things, the congregation had been at a physical and spiritual stand-still, suddenly new faces were seen in each service, attendance at The Morning Service rose from 100 to 140, attitudes began to change, the congregation's watch-word became 'service'. On Sunday, the congregation waited as the final tally was read, and when the final tally was in, and the debt reached the congregation in a service of celebration watched as the pastor, the Rev. R. Kent Hall, put a flame to the note. As the mortgage burned, the congregation rose and joined in singing, "I Love thy Kingdom, Lord," *The Carroll Record*, May 24, 1973.

**50 Years Ago** AMERICAN LEGION DEDICATION—Theodore R. McKeldin, former Mayor of Baltimore City, will deliver the address at the dedication exercises of Legion Square, the home of Carroll Post No., 31, The American Legion, on Saturday afternoon, June 12th, 1948. The dedication exercises will be preceded by a parade at 1:30 o'clock p.m., it was announced by Quintin Quintal, Commander of Carroll Post. Carroll Post recently completed a new Club House on the site at Sycamore and Green streets, which is one of the most beautiful modern structures in the County. The grounds have been recently landscaped and a parking lot paved. The old frame house on the grounds is presently being used as executive offices of the local post, and according to plans, will be eventually replaced by a community center. The program community is under the chairmanship of Commander Quintal, assisted by Maurice J. Floyd and Charles O. Fisher. *Democratic Advocate*, May 21, 1948.

**75 Years Ago** DECORATION DAY EXCURSION TO PEN MAR—The Western Maryland Railway will run excursions to Pen Mar Park from this station on Decoration Day, Wednesday, May 30th. Excursionists from Baltimore, York, Hanover, Gettysburg, and other points will gather on this day at the famous amusement resort for a big day's outing. Decoration Day at Pen Mar Park is one of the big days and is celebrated fittingly. The low fare in effect presents to the people an opportunity to enjoy themselves to the maximum in a clean wholesome and invigorating manner and at a slight expense. *Democratic Advocate*, May 25, 1923.

**100 Years Ago** Bachman's Valley Items—The following letter was received from Tampa, Florida, on Monday of this week by Mrs. Wm. Stansbury: — Dear Sister. I and our troops are still here. This is a very warm place, and is full of alligators, lizards, snakes and all kinds of reptiles. We had a fine time swimming our horses across Tampa Bay, our backs were sunburned wonderfully; sand is very deep; up to the knees of the horses in the streets. There are many Cubans here and they are very much tanned, next to a negro. There are nine Spanish men and ladies here. They say the Cuban ladies are pretty, but I haven't seen any of them yet, but expect to before very long, as we are awaiting orders to move to Cuban soil most any moment. Yours truly, brother Roy Powder, Camp of 6th Cavalry, Tampa, Florida. *Democratic Advocate*, May 28, 1898.