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25 Years Ago Edward Leister To Head 'Dimes' Fund Campaign - Mothers March Set For January 22 - District Solicitation Chairman Announced—Edward Leister, branch manager of the Union National Bank at 140 Village Shopping Center, is the 1974 chairman of the March of Dimes Financial campaign. Leister has announced that the Mothers March will be held Tuesday night, January 22, in Carroll County under the leadership of Mrs. Wayne Belt, Ridge road, Westminster. This is the second consecutive year that Mrs. Belt, herself a young mother, has served as chairman of the Mothers March. In 1973, this aspect of the March of Dimes financial campaign raised \$7,639, or forty-five per cent of the total amount contributed in Carroll County. *Community Reporter*, January 18, 1974.

50 Years Ago Library Donated By Mr. & Mrs. Davis - The Immanuel Methodist Church To Be Site; The Davis Building, John Street Is Also A Gift—Announcement of the donation of a library for Westminster to be known as The Davis Library was made by the Board of Trustees recently set up to secure a charter and establish and conduct the project. Those named by Mr. Davis to this first self perpetuating board were: Walter H. Davis, K. Ray Hollinger, Gerald E. Richter, George K. Mathias, Samuel M. Jenness, Ralph G. Hoffman, Carroll L. Crawford, Norman B. Boyle and John R. Bankard. This board organized immediately: President, K. Ray Hollinger; vice-president, Samuel M. Jenness; secretary, Gerald E. Richter, and treasurer, Norman B. Boyle. The donors are Walter H. Davis and wife, Elizabeth R. Davis, Mr. Davis is one of Westminster's outstanding citizens. He was selected for that honor in 1945 by the Chamber of Commerce of this place. He is active in religious, public and civic affairs, served on the city council and as acting mayor for a time. He is head of the W. H. Davis Company, Buick automobile dealers and has been a resident of Westminster for over fifty years. *Democratic Advocate*, January 21, 1949.

75 Years Ago Motherless Boy Gone - Stolen From School By Man And Woman Near Mt. Airy. — Albert Neff, aged 12, was taken from the public school at Bartholows, near Mt. Airy, Tuesday afternoon by a man and woman who placed him in an automobile and rapidly drove away. As the machine sped down the road the woman was heard to say: "We've got him now." The lad was crying, and it is believed he has been taken out of the state. The man and woman drove up to the schoolhouse and rapped at the door. Miss Rhudove Layman, the teacher, answered and the man, a stranger, asked for young Neff. As he stepped outside the man assisted him in the car and drove away. Thinking that he would return, no attention was paid to his absence until the school session closed. Inquiry failed to reveal the identity of the man and woman, and no trace of the missing lad has been found. *Democratic Advocate*, January 18, 1924.

100 Years Ago While walking on Chestnut street, Baltimore, on Thursday, Mr. Ezra C. Brown, living near this city, had his hat taken from his head by a woman, who disappeared in a house, telling Mr. Brown the only way he could get it was to come after it. He went in and the woman proceeded to rob him, getting \$5.00. A citizen witnessed the assault and a policeman went to Mr. Brown's rescue, and recovered his hat and money. The woman's name is Rachel Johnson, who was held for the action of the grand jury. *Democratic Advocate*, January 21, 1899.