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25 Years Ago New Location Being Sought For Library - Clyde E. Gue Building Is Desired Site, But It's Now Mainly A Matter Of The Cost—Much interest is constantly in evidence as to the need for a new location for the Mt. Airy Library. Many of Mt. Airy's interested, civic minded persons attended the budget hearing held by the Commissioners recently. Money for a new library is still in the budget. The library budget included a request for \$80,000 and the Commissioners agreed to \$50,000. Last year only \$10,000 was set aside for the project. The main problem now seems to be the location. The Clyde E. Gue Building on Main St., Mt. Airy, is the desired location and the local library staff and friends of the library still hope the move will be to that building. However, the Commissioners of Carroll County have indicated the owner of the building wants more than the commissioners are willing to spend. The Commissioners have suggested another purchase price to the owner of the building but when this paper went to press no reply to their proposal has been received. *The Community Reporter*, May 31, 1974.

50 Years Ago Manchester Firemen Take Home The Bacon - Next Convention At Hampstead; Many Other Prizes; Auxiliaries Make Attractive Appearance—The 26th annual convention that was held in this city on Thursday last in the Firemen's building, with the delegates registering at 1:30 p.m. At 2 o'clock the convention was called to order followed by the invocation by Rev. Harold Z. Bomberger, pastor of the Brethren Church of Westminster. The meeting proceeded with the roll call of the eleven companies answering to their names called by Secretary A. Ralph Yingling, of Mt. Airy, who were Union Bridge, Taneytown, Manchester, Hampstead, Pleasant Valley, Mt. Airy, Sykesville, New Windsor, Reese, Lineboro and Westminster. The most interesting feature of the convention was the parade which formed on East Green street and Washington Road, and moved to Main street, to Pennsylvania avenue, Union street, to New Windsor Road where it dispersed. There was never a more complete gathering of valuable and up-to-date fire equipment to parade in this city. Many of the companies who took part in the parade were called to this city to assist in extinguishing dangerous fires, namely two lumber yard fires, Poultry warehouse and National Advertising company. By their support the blaze were kept from spreading to other buildings and causing destruction. *Democratic Advocate*, May 27, 1949.

75 Years Ago The "Wet and Dry" Debate.—A Dramatic debate will be held next Wednesday night, June 4th. The announcement was made last week in the papers that it would be held in the Armory. This was a mistake, and the debate will be held in Centenary M. E. Church. The Subject will be on the "Wet and Dry Question" and will be, "Can the Law be Enforced?" Mr. John W. Langley, of Chicago, will take the affirmative and argue that the law can be enforced and Mr. Paul P. Kesler, of Ohio, will take the negative and argue that the law cannot be enforced. These men are expert debaters and will hit from the shoulder. Every one is interested in this vital question and wants to hear all the arguments on both sides. This will be a rare chance to hear them. Admission is free and everybody that can get into the church is invited to be there. *Democratic Advocate*, May 30, 1924.

100 Years Ago Base Ball—The Smallwood Base Ball team went to Taylorsville last Saturday and defeated a nine made up with players from Oak Orchard, Marston and Taylorsville, by the score of 7 to 1, making seven straight games for Smallwood this season. Ditman pitched a shut-out game, as only two hits were made off him. Only one man reached home (on three errors) and only two reached third. The feature of

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the game was the pitching of Ditman, who struck out sixteen men, and did not give one base on balls. Danner made the star catch of the game in left field. Smith and Franklin did the best work for the home team. Winning battery, Ditman and Cushing; losing battery, Nicodemus and Byers. Score - Taylorsville 1, Smallwood 7. *Democratic Advocate*, May 27, 1899.