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25 Years Ago Highway Safety Program Slated For This County - Leo F. Kuhn Serving As Safety Coordinator — To Attend Workshop April 2 - Local participation in State and community highway safety programs has gained momentum in Carroll County. Carroll R. Dell, Director of Planning and Public Works for the city of Westminster, reports that within the past month the city has submitted an application for Federal funds to prepare a feasibility study to connect Bond Street and John Street into one common intersection. Also, Chief of Police, Leroy Day, submitted a preliminary draft of a police application for the purpose of adding a foot patrolman and an additional vehicle to the city's police force. As Safety Coordinator for Carroll County, Leo F. Kuhn has the responsibility for coordinating all the highway safety projects within the geographic area of Carroll County and to administer the details of proposed programs. At present, only the city of Westminster has projects being considered. However, the Mayor and members of the Town Council of each municipality in Carroll County has been contacted and encouraged to make inquiry with that particular geographic jurisdiction to determine if any needs exist relative to the National Highway Safety Program standards. Kuhn explained that he is available to answer questions and to further explain the implications of the safety standards. *Community Reporter*, March 27, 1970.

50 Years Ago Cleric Urges Repeal of Jim Crow Law - Following taken from Baltimore Sun March 18: Rev. Dr. Lowell F. Ensor, pastor of the Methodist Church at Westminster, yesterday urged support of the repeal of the Jim Crow law in Maryland. He declared a state that will send citizens to the fighting fronts of the world and at the same time deny to any group of those citizens equal rights, is un-American and un-Christian. Reference to this law was made in his sermon, in which he also urged opposition to a Senate bill now in the Legislature that would permit sale of alcoholic beverages in Carroll county hotels, and a House bill that would allow pari-mutuel betting on horse racing at Baltimore county and Carroll county fair grounds. *Democratic Advocate*, March 23, 1945.

75 Years Ago New Bridge to Cost \$20,000 - The Frederick and Carroll County Commissioners held a joint meeting last Wednesday at the bridge over Double Pipe Creek, near Detour, which was swept away by high water recently, and decided to rebuild at once. It was also decided to repair the Shoemaker bridge over the Monocacy river about four miles from Taneytown, which was damaged by high water and ice. Both structures are on the dividing line of the two counties and the expense of rebuilding and repairs will be met jointly by the counties. The Double Pipe Creek bridge will have to be entirely rebuilt. The stream at that point is about two hundred feet wide and in places very deep. Daniel Porman, a bridge builder of York, Pa., who attended the meeting, was instructed to draw up plans and specifications for a new iron bridge, which will be submitted to the commissioners at another joint meeting to be held in Westminster. A design will be selected at this meeting and bids will be asked at once for a new bridge. The bids will be opened and the contract awarded at a joint meeting in Fred'k. The new bridge will be an iron structure with a heavy wood or cement floor. It will probably cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000. *Union Bridge Pilot*, March 26, 1920.

100 Years Ago Carrollton Items - As John Poisel and Jacob Bollinger were driving in a cart, towards Carrollton Station, near the milldam, on Wednesday morning, the 11:30 train came along and frightened

their horse, which turned around and ran into the dam. Mr. Poisel, who was holding him by the bit was dragged to the edge of the water, when he let go his hold. Mr. Bollinger was in the cart, and in his efforts to get out his foot was caught between two of the spokes. The horse continued going further into the dam, until he reached the middle, when Mr. Bollinger, got his foot loose, and got out of the cart. He then held on to one of the wheels by this hand, but every time the horse made an effort to free himself, it took Mr. Bollinger under the water. The bystanders on the bank seeing that he was becoming very much exhausted threw him some planks, one of which he finally succeeded in getting under his arms, and thus was enabled to keep his head above water. Messrs. F. Friese, Wm. Long, Noah Long and Wm. Blizzard then swam out until they reached the plank, which he had hold of, and pushed it to shore, when the bystanders dragged Mr. Bollinger out in an unconscious condition. He was placed in a wagon and taken to the store of J. E. Evans, where he was stripped, warmed and rubbed thoroughly, and dry clothes procured, and before long was able to be removed to his home on the turnpike. Mr. Bollinger, being a very large man and weighing over 200 pounds, was unable to help himself much, and consequently was a heavy weight to handle. The horse and cart were recovered, after having been, in the water nearly two hours. The water is about fifteen feet deep. [Mr. Bollinger is quite ill from his struggles and exposure in the water, which lasted about an hour. He is attended by Dr. Joseph T. Hering, of this city. —ED. *American Sentinel*, March 23, 1895.