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25 Years Ago Editorial - GET READY FOR EIGHT-CENT POSTAGE - Postage Rate increases now planned for May 13, will bring into use a number of special, new postage stamps of various denominations, but the one which will first proclaim to the public that letters are going to cost more will be the Missouri Commemorative stamp, marking the 150th anniversary of that State as a member of the Union. There will be, in all, a dozen new types of postage stamps, three kinds of stamped envelopes and three postal cards. Additional new stamps and cards and a new aerogramme will be needed by July 1st for the new international rates which go into effect at that time. The Missouri commemorative will carry a portion of the mural gracing the wall of the Harry S. Truman library at Independence, Missouri, and will be the first stamp to bear the designation showing the new 8-cent first-class mail rate. It will go on sale on May 8, at Independence, Missouri, according to Post Office Department announcement, and will be available at other Post Offices throughout the country the day after, May 9. The day is chosen because May 8 will be President Truman's 87th birthday. The theme is from the painting, "The Winning of the West," by a noted Missouri artist, Thomas Hart Benton, who will be 82 years old himself on April 15. *Community Reporter*, February 26, 1971.

50 Years Ago The Carroll County Chapter of American Red Cross had one of its first disaster relief calls in some time. The executive secretary, Miss Ann S. Reifsneider, was called to Snydersburg on Friday evening after learning of a fire there which destroyed the home of Mr. Apeidt and all its contents. He and members of the family in the house escaped with only the clothes on their backs. The house was burned to the ground before anything could be saved. The local chapter is giving financial assistance and is helping the family in securing clothes. At an office call on Saturday morning Apeidt praised the work of the Red Cross in this type of emergency. He also expressed much appreciation for food and clothing given them by the people of the community. He has not been employed lately and his wife had only recently secured employment in Manchester. The couple have seven children. *Democratic Advocate*, February 22, 1946.

75 Years Ago TOO CARELESS WITH KISSES - Chicago Man Hauled into Court When Wife Sees Blonde Across the Street - Chicago — In the interests of brevity, the moral of this tale is pushed up in front, thus: If a married man must have an affinity who craves soul kisses, wholesale, he should not pick out one who lives right across the street from his wife. Long distance kisses and a beautiful blonde proved the undoing of Samuel Domko, according to his wife's testimony before Judge Trude in the court of domestic relations. "I might never have caught him at all if he hadn't picked out an affinity right across the street," said Suzanna, the wife. "I began to notice a blonde woman across the street, sitting in the window every evening waiting for someone. Finally I caught her waving at him and then he would go up to her flat. She would also throw kisses to him as he came and went." "I'll back up her story," said Mrs. Elisie Megas, a neighbor. "We women have to stick by each other. I saw him throwing kisses to her in the mornings when he went to work." "Kisses—long distance and otherwise—belong to your wife," ruled the judge. "Also, \$8 a week toward her support. "Union Bridge Pilot, February 25, 1921.

100 Years Ago We have had a real mad dog experience in this town and section. On Monday last a large dog belonging to Mr. Lewis B. Lippy, a mile west of town, acted strangely about the home, and in the

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barn-yard snapped at the horses and cattle. This led to his being tied up, but later in the day it appears he became rabid and tore loose. After having had several tussles with the other dogs he left the place and came to town where he had a lively time among the canines on Monday night. On Tuesday he was around town but was not known to be mad, as he was quite shy all day, but at night again was on the war path, so that it is hard to say what damage he did. He got into the kennel of Mr. Charles Loats and bit his 4 hounds and pet fox which had to be killed. Dr. Trump, Jr. Wink, Mr. Nelson Warehime, C. Warner, and C. W. Motter each had their dogs killed. Mr. Lippy and some of his neighbors also have had their dogs killed. The rabid animal, when leaving here, went in the direction of Millers Station where he was dispatched by Mr. Frank. It leaves matters very uncertain about dogs and animals that were exposed during his stay here. The Mayor and Council's attention was called to the matter and they immediately passed an ordinance compelling all dogs running at large to be properly muzzled, under a penalty of \$1 to \$5 fine for each offense. If any owner of a dog shall be fined for a violation of the ordinance, and fail to pay, the animal is to be killed by the bailiff after due notice. The rabid dog is supposed to have been bitten last fall, when a small dog came to the home of Mr. Lippy and was fighting with his dogs, but staid about the place for more than a day showing no special symptoms of rabies. *American Sentinel*, February 22, 1896.