

**December 7, 1997**

**25 Years Ago** Hampstead Gives Go-ahead On Park Development—Following a public hearing and presentation by the Carroll County Dept. of Parks and Recreation, the Hampstead Town Council started action to convert the area around Pump House #5 into a park. Initial plans for the park include two tennis courts, a basketball court and play area with a parking lot. The entire area would be appropriated fenced and landscaped at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Of this amount, \$30,000 will be funded under the State of Maryland "Open Space" program. *The Carroll Record*, December 7, 1972.

**50 Years Ago** MAYOR MATHIAS TO TURN ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS — Westminster through the Retail Merchants will be ready for the annual Christmas lighting exercises when the city will be extra-illuminated starting Friday night. Additional arches will line Main street in the business section and Liberty street to Green street. The parade will form at the armory at 7:30 o'clock and will march to the "Forks," where the exercises will be held before the Community Tree. In the procession will be the city's two bands and the Molleville Farm Post No. 467. Veterans of Foreign Wars, drum corps, Molleville Post with their United Nations color corps, Carroll Post No. 31, American Legion, Jerome D. Day Post of the 29th Division Association, Boy and Girl Scouts and Major and Common Council. The program will be in charge of the president of the association, John R. Byers. It will open with the band playing two carols, after which Mayor Joseph L. Mathias will make brief remarks and will turn on the lights. Christmas carols will then be sung by the assembly, led by F. Kale Mathias. *Democratic Advocate*, December 5, 1947.

**75 Years Ago** A "HE" DINNER—An elaborate "he" dinner was served at the home of Mr. Frank Leidy Thanksgiving, Messrs. Leidy, Hunter and Birely cooked the meal which was served by Messrs. Smith, Whitmore and Bixler. Mr. Campbell carved the large 27 pound gobbler. The wives and families of the above men were guests, also a few special visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. Malotte, Hagerstown; Miss Gertrude Shaffer, Mrs. Mary Shaffer and Mrs. Carrie Bixler. Hurrah, for the men, let them try it again. *Democratic Advocate*, December 1, 1922.

**100 Years Ago** Maidensville Items—"Frank," the old black horse belonging to Geo. H. Waltz is dead. He was very sick for three weeks and on last Saturday he having become so weak he could not stand Mr. Waltz had him killed and buried. Peace and rest to his bones. "Frank" had faithfully served his present master for 19 years.—Twenty of the most prominent and progressive farmers and business men of lower Carroll and adjoining section of Howard, have formed an association for the improvement of the breed of horses. They have purchased from McLaughlin Bros., of Columbus, Ohio, the imported French stallion "Viviant," a coach and hackney bred horse, for \$2,000. The horse is said to be one of the finest specimens of his kind ever seen in this country. He is a mahogany bay and weighs 1,300 pounds. He bears the stamp of the French government and his pedigree dates back in the same strain for 160 years. *American Sentinel*, December 4, 1897.