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25 Years Ago Farm Visitation Day Record Turnout Seen—Tropical storm Agnes more or less wiped out last year's sixth annual Farm Visitation Day. So this year, a record number of 31 "Welcome Farms" in counties stand ready to host town and city families for the seventh annual last-Sunday-in June event. The sponsoring Maryland Farm-City Committee reports that participating farms will offer a wide array of things to see, depending on individual types of farming operations. Youngsters will have a chance to pet young calves on dairy and beef cattle farms. One or two horse farms are included. And a wide range of lush, growing crops can be observed by young and old alike. *The Carroll Record*, June 21, 1973.

50 Years Ago Pennsy Train Hits Truck At Kumps - Several Were Injured In Accidents Over The County In Other Collisions—A 28-year old Baltimore truck driver escaped serious injury about 11:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon when his vehicle was struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad train on a crossing at Kump's Station, three miles north of Taneytown. The driver, Edward J. Windisch sustained a bruised left elbow and about \$500 damage to his truck. In addition he was charged with failing to stop within 10 feet of a railroad crossing and ordered to stand trial July 7 before Magistrate Vincent Tubman in Taneytown. State Trooper James S. Poteet preferred the charge. Windisch told the trooper that because of high weeds, he did not see the approaching train until he drove onto the tracks and heard the locomotive whistle blowing for the crossing. Before he could completely back off the tracks, the engine struck the left front of the truck, turning it sideways. *Democratic Advocate*, June 18, 1948.

75 Years Ago Westminster High Graduates Fifty - Class Night Monday Evening - Commencement Tuesday Evening—Monday evening the graduating class of Westminster High School held its fifth annual Class Night in the Opera House. This event had become a prominent feature of the commencement season and would be attended by a very large number if they could gain admission. With fifty in the graduating class and only about 400 that could be admitted, every seat was filled before the curtain went up. The program was a very delightful one and was generally pronounced to be better than any former Class Night Exercise. *Democratic Advocate*, June 15, 1923.

100 Years Ago Western Maryland College - Twenty-Eight Commencement - Delightful Weather - Large Attendance - Awards of Prizes - Conferring of Degrees, Etc.—The liveliest summer week in Westminster is Commencement Week at the College. Visitors throng the town, and together with the town people, fill the streets with a gay and happy throng as they go to and from College Hill. Not only do the visitors find signs of activity in the College walls but about them as well. Alumni Hall is rapidly pushing toward completion, and soon will give to Westminster the proud distinction of having the largest audience room in the state outside of Baltimore. The handsome Memorial Gateway, a symmetrical arch of white stone, the gift of Mrs. Ulie N. Hurley, of Washington, D. C., in memory of her uncle, the first president of the College, the late Dr. Ward, was intended to be completed for Commencement Week, but it still requires a few days work. *Democratic Advocate*, June 18, 1898.