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25 Years Ago RICHARD N. DIXON SWORN INTO OFFICE - Richard N. Dixon, 32 years of age and the first black to assume a post on the Carroll County School Board, was sworn into office last week. His appointment was unexpected as his name was not on the list submitted by the Carroll County School Board Nominating Federation or the list of the Democratic Central Committee. Governor Mandel announced his appointment on November 19. Dixon attended Carroll County schools and graduated from Morgan State College in 1960. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army and is an investment broker in Baltimore. He and his family reside in Westminster where his two young daughters attend school. *Community Reporter*, December 11, 1970.

50 Years Ago Finksburg Community Tree Program - The lighting of the Finksburg Community Xmas tree will take place on Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m., on the Finksburg church grounds. An appropriate Xmas tree program, including carol singing by the local boy scout troop has been arranged. Santa Claus will be present to greet each child and the treat will be given to all those present. The project sponsored by the citizens of Finksburg was originated about seven years ago but had to be discontinued during the war years. It is hoped that its renewal this year will be a big success and a large attendance is expected. All adults and children of the community are invited to be present. The committee in charge of arrangements consists of Mr. E. W. Bartol, chairman; Messrs. H. Hamilton Hackney, Luther Brown, Sherwood Kay, James Mann, Rev. Karl A. Wareheim and Mrs. Samuel Peltzer. *Democratic Advocate*, December 14, 1945.

75 Years Ago F. Loraine Simpson, of Libertytown, who operates a bus line between that place and here, also Frederick, sustained considerable loss through a fire Wednesday morning caused by his large machine back-firing. Besides burning his garage and milk station adjoining, the large machine was a total loss, and a Ford which he had just purchased about two weeks ago was considerably damaged, being run from the garage while the cushions and other inflammable parts were on fire. Mr. Simpson will lose about \$1000 over and above his insurance. It will be remembered he lost nearly all of a Ford car several weeks ago by thieves who found the car alongside the road with a broken axle and removed practically everything about the car except the chassis and top. *Union Bridge Pilot*, December 17, 1920.

100 Years Ago Harney Items - A spring about eight feet deep, on the lot occupied by Joseph Leister, no far from this place, was almost dry some time ago. In the evening one day they could dip only a gallon of water at a time and the next morning the spring was full and running over without any rain having fallen. Will any one give his opinion in regard to this seeming mystery. Some think the vein had become stopped by some means for a time; while we think it may possibly have been due to the change in the rotation of the earth in its orbit around the sun. *American Sentinel*, December 14, 1895.