

**December 31, 1995**

**25 Years Ago** Reminders Sent To Spur Sale Of Xmas Seals - Persons Not Having Contributed To Fund Drive Are Urged To Do So And Help In "Fight For Better Breathing" - Over 8,000 reminder letters have been mailed to the Carroll County residents advising them that there is still time to make contributions to the annual Christmas Seal Campaign. The announcement was made by Mrs. James E. Gartland, chairman. "There are a number of person who have answered their first Christmas Seal letters, but because all of the mailing operations are accomplished manually, there is some duplication," said Mrs. Gartland. Contrary to what many persons believe, it is not necessary to return unused Christmas Seals. It is hoped that people will support the campaign with whatever amount they feel they can give and then use all the seals sent to them. Christmas Seal dollars over the years have made possible an ongoing fight for better breathing by helping to: 1. Find and aid those persons who are ill with emphysema, tuberculosis, asthma or other respiratory diseases. 2. Spearhead an active nationwide and local fight against air pollution. 3. Conduct a program of education of the health hazards of cigarette smoking, especially among teenagers. 4. Support education about serious lung diseases. 5. Support medical research and fellowships working in the area of respiratory diseases. Contribute to the general health of the community. *Community Reporter*, December 25, 1970.

**50 Years Ago** COUNTY HAS HUGE JOB AHEAD ON HOME REPAIR - More than \$1,883,000 is expected to be spent during the next five years by Carroll county home owners on remodeling and repair work. The year 1946 promises to inaugurate one of the greatest eras in American history for home repairs and modernization, according to estimates released by the Tile Council of America. Few developments will contribute more to employment and general prosperity in any community," according to R. E. Jordan, chairman of the Council's Residential Construction Committee. Because of lack of materials and manpower during the war, majority of the county's 9,857 dwelling units are in need of some kind of repair or remodeling work. Kitchen improvements and modernization of bathrooms, installation of tiled showers and in some homes addition of a second bath top the nations' list of most wanted major improvements, Jordan said. Outside paint jobs are needed on more than 50 per cent of homes, and addition of rooms and construction of porches also rank high on remodeling plans, according to the report. New roofing and heating plants are required by many dwellings. Home owners in Maryland will spend an estimated \$95,590,000 and those of the nation more than \$5,500,000,000 for major repairs alone in the next five years, according to Jordan. Ample funds, at low interest charges, are available for such work through commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions and mutual savings banks, he pointed out. *Democratic Advocate*, December 28, 1945.

**75 Years Ago** J. P. Delphy, the well-known blacksmith, of Middleburg, had an experience a little over a week ago, which cannot be described as frightful, fearful, courageous, dangerous, joyous or any of the other ous' but simply an expensive experience, when his pet dog in some manner got next to two crisp 10 dollar bills, one of which he devoured entirely and, when discovered, was making excellent headway on the second, which was taken from his mouth in pieces and later redeemed. *Union Bridge Pilot*, December 31, 1920.

**100 Years Ago** After 4 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, Westminster people were surprised by a strange sound, in the vicinity of the railroad, which grew in volume and extended along Main street, east and west, until the din was something terrific. It arose from a myriad of little instruments called "rattoos," which has been given by Messrs. Miller Bros. to boys who visited their stores. Many people of older years were swinging the little cylinders and appeared to enjoy the commotion which continued until long after nightfall. *American Sentinel*, December 28, 1895.