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25 Years Ago Mt. Airy Firemen Vote To Purchase New Ambulance - Superior Cadillac Will replace Similar Vehicle Presently In Use — Fund Drive Planned - At a special meeting of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company held on the 12th of March, the members voted to replace the present ambulance. The new unit will be Superior Cadillac, styled similar to the ambulance now in service. The Present ambulance was placed in service in October of 1967 and since that time has traveled over 54,000 miles and answered over 1,000 calls. The new unit will cost \$19,775, minus the trade-in value of the present one. This price does not include the necessary life saving equipment, already owned by the local fire company. In the near future, members of the local fire company will be calling on the residents of the area which it serves for contributions toward the new ambulance. *Community Reporter*, March 20, 1970.

50 Years Ago The Race Track Bogie Up Again - If the bill introduced in the House of Delegates, and read for the first time, becomes a law, the way, will be opened for the Carroll County Agricultural and Fair Association and the Baltimore County Fair Association, Inc., to be licensed for race meetings or meetings with betting privileges, not to exceed ten days in any calendar year, provided such meetings are held in connection with or for the benefit of bona fide county fairs or agricultural exhibitions. The license fee would be \$50 for each day of such meeting. The license must set aside each year \$5,000 for live stock and farm products premiums. The above delegation also introduced a bill to authorize the Carroll County Commissioners to borrow \$250,000 for roads construction. The following bills have been introduced by Senator Ear Shipley in the Senate: To increase the salaries of Carroll County Treasurer and Clerk of the County Commissioners. To increase the sheriff's compensation of Carroll county. *Democratic Advocate*, March 16, 1945.

75 Years Ago Bridge at Detour Crashes in Flood - The two-span iron bridge over Double Pipe Creek, near Detour, collapsed Friday morning, the structure dropping into the waters below. The stone abutment in the middle of the stream was swept away by a large ice flow several days ago, and travel over the bridge was considered dangerous. High waters in the creek caused the collapse of the structure. Double Pipe Creek at the point marks the boundary between Frederick and Carroll counties. The bridge is, therefore, owned jointly by the two counties. The cost of building a new abutment and of raising the bridge will be shared equally by the two counties. Bids for the reconstruction work will be asked in the near future. *Union Bridge Pilot*, March 19, 1920.

100 Years Ago An Attempt to Murder - An attempt was made to murder John Shriner, a young man who had been living with Mr. Thaddeus Starr, near Otter Dale Mills, in this county, on Wednesday of last week. Shriner was in the haymow of his employer's barn, throwing down hay to his horses, when some unknown person fired a shot from a pistol, the bullet passing through the intended victim's hat and knocking it from his head. Shriner did not wait for a second shot, but leaped to the ground and fled to the house, where he recounted his narrow escape and obtained help to institute a search for his assailant, but when the searching party reached the barn the would-be murderer had disappeared. The shooting occurred about 9 o'clock in the morning. This attempt to kill Shriner was the culmination of a series of events dating back about a month. The young man is the owner of a buggy, which he kept in

Mr. Starr's barn. About a month ago a wheel was removed from the vehicle, and at the same time a gum blanket disappeared. Shriner anticipated a renewal of the mischief, and was on the watch. On Friday night previous to the attempt to murder him, he and a son of Mr. Starr discovered that some one was in the barn, and Shriner, armed with a double-barreled shotgun, approached the building, when he saw a man making off with another buggy-wheel. He fired twice at the marauder, the second time just as he was turning a corner of the barn. The last shot probably struck the man, as he dropped the wheel and made off. After the attempt to kill Shriner an officer at Union Bridge was notified, and on Thursday, with citizens residing in the neighborhood, made a thorough search of the barn, and found the missing wheel and blanket hidden under the hay. On the blanket the following was written with a red lead-pencil in distinct and well-formed letters: "You shot me, Shriner. I'll kill you. I'll kill you, if I have to take you out of bed." So far as we are aware the efforts made to discover the perpetrator of this crime have been thus far futile. *American Sentinel*, March 16, 1895.