

**September 1, 1996**

**25 Years Ago** County's Median Pay Lower - The median income in Carroll county in 1969 was \$1,000 below the median income for the entire state of Maryland, according to figures just released by the State comptroller. During that year, Marylanders in the middle income bracket earned between \$7,000 and \$7,999 while middle income countians earned between \$6,000 and \$6,999. The largest group of county wage earners - 5,108 - earned between \$10,000 and \$14,999. Altogether, 23,660 countians submitted income tax returns to the State for a total taxable income of \$114,350,538. They paid a total of \$4,395,806 State and \$2,199,911 local tax. Their average payments were \$278 per person. *Democratic Advocate* , September 2, 1971.

**50 Years Ago** WESTMINSTER A PAN-MARYLAND AIRWAYS STOP - Pan-Maryland Airways, Inc., has been granted a second extension of the period within which it must inaugurate scheduled air service between several Maryland points in an order by the Public Service Commission made public. The commission set December 1 as the new deadline, granting a Pan-Maryland petition which cited difficulties in obtaining planes and lack of airports at some of the points to be served as reasons for postponement at this time of the start of the service. The airline is authorized to operate scheduled flights between Baltimore, Annapolis, Easton, Cambridge, Crisfield, Chestertown, Westminster, Frederick, College Park, Havre de Grace, Bel Air, Elkton, Centreville and Brandywine. *Democratic Advocate*, September 6, 1946.

**75 Years Ago** The dancing floor at the College Campus was torn up on Monday, a dance having been held there on Saturday night. One was also held by the colored folks on Friday night followed by a "pistol game" within the town limits. Reports say that one of the participants in carrying out his part of the game used his wife as a target, but missed, the bullet slightly injuring a child who happened to be in the path of the bullet. Numerous screams and a disturbing of the slumbers of citizens along South Main street also appears to have been a feature in the game. Next day Howard Green was arrested on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and fined \$10.00 and costs. As we are very deficient in our knowledge of legal matters, we have done considerable figuring on this case and find it a very complicated one. There is a town ordinance providing a penalty for shooting within the corporate limits, next, the carrying of concealed weapons is a general law, and, last, it is not known whether the shot was fired with the intention of killing, wounding or frightening. To sum up, eliminating these complications and assuming that the bullet would have hit the target fairly, we figure the cost might have been about \$5.98. Are these mathematical calculations correct? *Union Bridge Pilot*, September 2, 1921.

**100 Years Ago** After Many Years - John Clare, formerly of Baltimore, one of the most notorious of American criminals, met the fate on August 24, that he 31 years ago dealt out to a photographer in Baltimore. Clare shot him to death, and he died from the effects of a bullet wound, which he received while attempting to rob a store and postoffice at Bedford Park, Westchester county, N.Y. last week. His death occurred at the Long Island Hospital in Brooklyn, where he was placed under arrest when he went to have his wounded arm dressed. The arm was shattered by a rifle ball and he had so long neglected to procure surgical treatment that blood-poisoning and gangrene had set in. From these complications his death resulted. He began sinking about midnight, and up to the very last refused to confess or make any statement. On October 29, 1865, Clare shot and killed Henry B. Grove in his photograph gallery on

Baltimore street, near Holliday. He was arrested several months later, tried and convicted. He was sentenced to be hanged, but secured a new trail and was acquitted. He then went to New York, where he began a long career of crime. Had he lived he would probably have been electrocuted for the murder of Walker B. Adams, the postmaster and storekeeper, whom he and his gang shot after being discovered in the act of robbing the Bedford Station Postoffice. A son of the murdered man opened on the burglars with a Winchester rifle and mortally wounded three of them. John Jenkins, another of the wounded burglars, also died on Monday. *American Sentinel*, September 5, 1896.