

**June 22, 1997**

**25 Years Ago** Manchester Postmaster For 22 Years Bemoans Mechanization But Defends Zip — Woodrow Lippy, Manchester's postmaster since 1950, continues to approach his "customers" with practiced diplomacy and a smile after 22 years on the job. "Most people have been pretty nice," he says. But he does have a certain nostalgia for the early years when the rural carrier handled only 196 boxes instead of 575 and was known as a public servant instead of a "retail mail clerk." Somewhere along the line we've lost contact with the people," he said, half lamenting the machine age which had brought it about. Nevertheless, he is greatly impressed by the new Baltimore City Post Office, through which most of his mail flows. It is said to be the most up-to-date in the United States. At a cost of 25 million, with equipment in the vicinity of five million, 36,000 letters are distributed to 272 different destinations in one hour by the letter-sorting machine. Zip codes are necessary, Mr. Lippy says, so that the sorting machine can direct letters to the right local Post Office. This is represented by the first three numbers of the code. The last two numbers determine which "Mixed City Pack" the mail will go into for final delivery. *The Carroll Record*, June 22, 1972.

**50 Years Ago** THREE COUNTY DOCTORS HONORED — Three physicians were honored for having given 50 years of service to citizens of Carroll county at the monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday of the Carroll County Medical Society at the Charles Carroll Hotel in Westminster. The vice president, Dr. Reuben Hoffman, superintendent of the Henryton Sanatorium, presided at the meeting. Dr. Lewis K. Woodward was in charge of arrangements. There were about 40 present. Recognition was accorded the three physicians, who had given fifty years or more to their profession and gold medals were presented to them in behalf of the association by Dr. Woodward. Dr. J. J. Stewart has served 62 years, Dr. Joseph E. Bush, 51 years; and Dr. Charles R. Foutz, 50 years. Doctors Stewart and Foutz are from Westminster, and Dr. Bush is a resident of Hampstead. *Democratic Advocate*, June 20, 1947.

**75 Years Ago** "If the State can pension its judges or school teachers, and can provide a fund for burying its marines and soldiers of the Civil War, each of which is a public purpose, the giving of a bonus or pension to those who served in the World War also is a public purpose, so that in this respect the act in question does not violate any provision of either the State or Federal Constitution." This is the stand taken by Judge Charles F. Stein, of Baltimore, in an opinion handed down Tuesday in the City Court sustaining the validity of the Soldiers' Bonus Act passed at the last session of the Legislature. *American Sentinel*, June 23, 1922.

**100 Years Ago** TWENTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE—The twenty seventh commencement of Western Maryland College, this city, took place on Thursday; but was preceded by the customary exercises of such occasions. FRESHMAN CREMATION — The Freshman class invited the faculty and students to their cremation. Soon after the town clock struck ten, a very mournful procession emerged from the gloom. Three "ghosts" preceded the body (?) which was borne by Freshmen in a very handsome casket. In a short but very eloquent speech one of the "ghosts," Mr. H. H. Price, consigned "Cyrus" to the flames and placed in his hands a copy of English History. The Coffin was then set afire and while it burned the class of 1900 added beauty to the mournful scene by fireworks. For nearly an hour the air was filled with rockets and the deafening noise of fire crackers. The

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Freshmen then gave their yell, which is one of the prettiest yells of the college. *American Sentinel*, June 19, 1897.