

**July 20, 1997**

**25 Years Ago** New Windsor Council Action - Mini-bikes Banned From Park — A resolution was passed banning mini-bikes and motorcycles from the local park and a citizen "unquotably" defended his rights at the New Windsor Council meeting, held early this month. Bike Ban - Signs are to be made and an ordinance will be passed at the August meeting, prohibiting motorcycles and mini-bikes in the town park; the result of numerous complaints from irate citizens. Commenting on the mis-use of these motor vehicles, officer C. W. Fritz quoted one boy who had nearly run down a child as saying: "I done it because I had nothin' else to do. I thought it was fun!" The policeman's reply had been, "I bet you got a kick out of that." And the boy answered, "I got a real kick out of it, all right!" *The Carroll Record*, July 20, 1972.

**50 Years Ago** State Ranks Third Highest In Paying Teachers - Carroll County Increases Tax Rate to Follow Nation-Wide Movement — The average salary for school teachers in the State of Maryland will be the third highest in the United States during the new academic year. Who says so? The New York Times, following an exhaustive survey. Based on figures provided by the various State departments of education the survey shows that New York will lead the field with an average of \$3,400, followed by Washington State with \$3,200 and Maryland with \$3,100. The Free State figures mark a \$700 gain over the average of \$2,400 paid in the 1946-47 year. In Carroll, taxes were shot upward this year from \$1.10 to \$1.45 and the bulk of the hike goes directly for schools. The levy in 1946 included an item of 71.32 for schools. The bill property owners have just paid contains an item of .9534 for schools. And because the levy this year is figured on a higher basis, the increase for schools is even more pronounced. *Democratic Advocate*, July 18, 1947.

**75 Years Ago** "THE DUTCH PICNIC." — For half a century the first Saturday in August has been "Dutch Picnic Day," when thousands of people from the county and from far away congregate in the grove adjacent to Trinity Lutheran Church, near Smallwood. Committees of the congregation and Sunday school are hard at work planning to make the picnic, to be held this year on Saturday, August 5th. a "big time." In the afternoon, there will be an interesting platform exercise by the young people, a very brief address by the pastor, games for the children, a big base-ball game. The Patriotic Order Sons of America Band of Pleasant Valley will be on hand all day. Several hundred gallons of ice cream, and other refreshments will be sold at the stand, but as in the past there will be no wheels of fortune, raffling, or games of chance of any kind. If weather is inclement on Saturday, the picnic will be held on the following Monday. *Democratic Advocate* July 21, 1922.

**100 Years Ago** A Double Tragedy — Eli M. Dutterer, near Middleburg, a thoroughly truthful and reliable gentleman, reports that two swallows were found hanged by the neck with horsehairs in his barn. The hairs were evidently from a horse's tail, and were white. They were fastened at one end to the comb of the roof, inside of the barn, the other end, in each case, being tightly twisted about the neck of a swallow, which hung dead about a foot below the upper end of the hair. The birds, which were some distance apart, had evidently died of strangulation. They were out of reach until the barn was filled with hay, so that evidently human hands had nothing to do with the tragedy. It isn't likely, either, as some persons have suggested, that other birds were the executioners, or that they were cases of self

destruction. A more reasonable explanation is that the hairs were being used by the swallows for nest building, and that, after fastening an end of each to the comb of the roof, the bird working on it became entangled in the other end, and in its struggles strangled to death. It is known that such cases have occurred, but it is remarkable that two of them should have happened at the same time and place. *American Sentinel*, July 17, 1897.