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25 Years Ago 'Save Monocacy' Group To Hold Picnic July 21 - Program Will Center Around Military History At outset Of Revolutionary War—The Save the Monocacy Association will hold a picnic at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 21st, at Fields' Meadow, located one-half mile west of Harney, along the Harney-Emmitsburg Road. A program will commence starting at 2:30. In view of the coming national bicentennial the theme of the program will center around the military history of the Monocacy Valley at the outset of the Revolutionary War. *The Community Reporter*, July 19, 1974.

50 Years Ago Chambers Suit Settled—The suit of Whittaker Chambers and his wife Esther, Bachman's Valley, that was to be tried in the Circuit Court for Carroll County Wednesday was settled out of Court for \$1500. They were defendants in a traffic fatality suit involved in the death last December of Mrs. Maggie Thomas, who was struck by an automobile near her home in the 4300 block Falls road, Baltimore. According to allegations in the suit filed by David J. Markoff and Ralph G. Hoffman, attorneys, Mrs. Chambers was the operator of the automobile that struck the woman. The suit was filed by executors and administrators of Mrs. Thomas's estate. Eight Baltimore witnesses were summoned to appear, among them, two policemen, a doctor and attendants at the Union Memorial Hospital. The accident occurred last December 17. *Democratic Advocate*, July 15, 1949.

75 Years Ago Convict Takes French Leave—Monday evening one of the convicts quartered in the Stoner building, Pennsylvania avenue, took French leave and departed for somewhere unknown. Mr. Raymond Ousler, guard, followed his trail to near Littlestown, but he was not overtaken. This is the first man to escape from Mr. Oursler's gang, and is considered very good, as other camps have lost as many as 10. The convict was working on the Gamber road during the day and was returned to camp, where he escaped about 8 o'clock. *Democratic Advocate*, July 18, 1924.

100 Years Ago Mrs. Thomas N. Buckingham is the first and, far as known, the only victim of the "kissing" bug in this city, up to date. She was bitten on the lip on Saturday night, by the insect, and her face became badly swollen and painful from the wound. This bug is of a species hitherto unknown to this locality. It made its appearance in Washington, D. C., a month ago, and many persons were bitten by it there. It received the name "kissing" bug because its victims, it is said, are usually bitten on the lip. The bug, when full grown, is an inch or more in length and has a flat body and very narrow, pointed head. Its color is black. It is a nocturnal insect, and must have a fondness for human blood. Its presence in this locality has been too brief for a thorough study of its habits or for the discovery of a means for its prompt destruction, but it is to be hoped it will have a very short existence. *American Sentinel*, July 15, 1899.