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25 years ago: 1982

President Reagan led an eleventh-hour national television campaign blitz for GOP candidates yesterday as Republicans fought to hold their ground against expected Democratic gains in tomorrow's elections. Many projections and predictions showed Democrats picking up more than 20 House seats -- again that would make it harder for Reagan to forge the kind of coalition that won approval for heavy cuts in social programs and greatly increased defense spending. Although some experts predicted that the Democrats would gain 30 or more House seats and perhaps even gain control of the Senate, most predictions of GOP losses were more modest.

50 years ago: 1957

Improvement plans which include a tunnel on Winchester under the proposed new north-south runway at Municipal Airport were approved yesterday by the Airport Commission. The facility to keep Winchester open to automobile traffic was recommended in plans submitted by Allen & Hoshall, engineers. Winchester runs east-west just south of the airport. Construction of the new runway is among capital improvements scheduled for his department in 1958 by Commissioner Stanley Dillard.

75 years ago: 1932

Rain and cold weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of Halloween celebrators on Recreation Department playgrounds last night. Programs, including lantern parades, bonfires, games and contests, story-telling and refreshments, were carried out according to schedule. There were but five arrests of boys for Halloween vandalism.

100 years ago: 1907

A deal has been closed by the directors of the YMCA with Isele Bros. for the purchase of the property on the south side of Madison near Fourth for \$33,687, Thomas B. King, president, and J.R. Pepper, vice president, announced last night. The YMCA plans to erect a \$200,000 building on the site.

125 years ago: 1882

The Red Cross has named H.A. Montgomery, Maj. B.J. Semmes, J.A. Hays Jr., A. Vaccaro and James E. Beasley, secretary of the society, to perfect arrangements with the Cole Circus for a benefit performance to raise funds for the yellow fever sufferers in

Pensacola.



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