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The President's Pen

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Congratulations to the newest members of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame: Phil Dorsey, Sandy Cullison deWitt Dutterer, Evaleen Moxley Leon, Ruth Schmidt, Larry Valett and their families and friends. These five new members of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame are truly deserving people, who through their good works have helped to make Mount Airy such a wonderful place to live.

To all the people who have worked on the exhibits and who have volunteered to keep the museum and the caboose open for our visitors, thank you so much!

Thank You for Your Support

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals who have made donations to the Historical Society. These donations help us with the cost of printing the newsletter, cataloging and storage of new items in the collection, and the acquisition of new historical items. They will also help us pay for new, informative, and eye-catching exhibits in the all new Mount Airy Museum.

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2020 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Historical Society of Mount Airy has announced its inductees into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame for 2020. These inductees are Sandy Cullison deWitt Dutterer, Evaleen Moxley Leon, Ruth Schmidt, Larry Valett. The 2020 class will be officially inducted at the Historical Society of Mount Airy's annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner on March 17 at the American Legion home, 801 Prospect Road, Mount Airy. This group of inductees expands the overall membership to 125. Join us to celebrate these wonderful individuals.

Mark Your Calendars

The Annual Boxes and Bags Bingo will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Like last year, the event will be held in the Reception Hall of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, located at 1008 Twin Arch Road in Mount Airy (the Fireman's Carnival Grounds). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The Early Bird game starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular games start at 7 p.m. This year we will feature different designer handbags as well as our filled boxes. Dinner and snacks will be sold before and during the games. The proceeds from the event benefit the Mount Airy Rails to Trails, MAC the Caboose, and the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland. Tickets for this event are now on sale on our website <https://www.mountairyhistoricalsociety.org/>.



E-mail us at: mountairyhistoricalsociety@earthlink.net

Historical Society to Sponsor History 101

At the request of Ellie Bonde, The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland will sponsor History 101.

History 101 was established about 15 years ago. The name is drawn from the month when it occurs; school begins in September: the event is designed so that everyone, no matter their age, can learn something.

The first years, it was only held on Saturdays, and only pertained to the historic downtown of Mount Airy. More recently, it has been held for a full week, with Monday through Thursday nights dedicated to topics of interest to our area, as we live in a region that has been affected by all the major events through history. We have been honored to have speakers on The French and Indian War, The War of 1812, The Civil War, and World Wars One and Two.

Traditionally, the event is held the last full week of September. On Monday night we have been fortunate to be able to use Pine Grove Chapel as the setting, and given the history of the building, we usually have the civil war as our topic.

On Tuesday through Thursday nights, we usually use the large meeting room at the Library. Saturday afternoon we have held walking tours of downtown, and had presentations inside Town Hall.

For the year 2020, the event will be held September 21 to 26. Every program will be dedicated to women, honoring the 100th anniversary of women being allowed to vote.

Hall of Fame Patrons

This year, the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland is introducing a new Hall of Fame Patron's page to the Hall of Fame Program. For \$5.00 your name will be included in our patron's page. Money collected from our patrons will help to fund Historical Society projects such as this newsletter and museum exhibits.

The Historical Society of Mount Airy's annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner will be held on March 17 at the American Legion home, 801 Prospect Road, Mount Airy. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m., dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the Blossom and Basket Boutique for \$25.00.

Peoples Lumber and Supply Company

By R. Delaine Hobbs, Jr.

Peoples Lumber and Supply Co. began as a straw sales company owned by the Uncle of Ira D Watkins, doing business as Moxley Straw Company. Mr. H. B. Moxley began that business in June of 1889 in Mount Airy. Sales were primarily to local farmers as were the purchases of the straw that was sold. The business was located along the railroad tracks just over the Frederick County line west of Main Street. It was on land owned by the B&O Railroad, near the present location of the Mount Airy Cold Storage Co.

Ira D. Watkins came to work for his uncle in 1900 just after finishing high school, when he was sixteen years old. For the first several weeks, he walked to work from the family farm at the Frederick County line on route 80. Later, he was able to rent a room from a family on Hill Street.

Ira talked Mr. Moxley into bidding on straw that used at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Ira made the trip to place the bid for straw used at the stables there. The bid was successful and rail cars were loaded weekly for shipment to the Capital. When the car was loaded and a bill of lading received, Ira took a copy of the bill of lading to the Capitol for payment. In those times, all of these trips were made by horse and buggy.

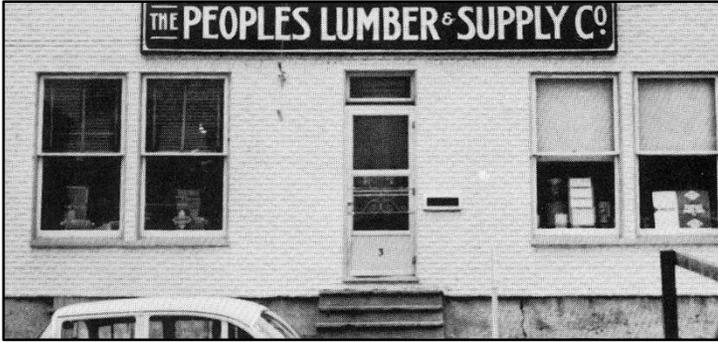
Several years later, Ira persuaded Mr. Moxley to begin offering building materials to his customers, which became quite a success. In the early teen's Mr. Moxley offered to sell the business to Ira as he wanted to retire. Unable to make this purchase alone, Ira enlisted the aid of his father, Thomas E. Watkins, who was a prosperous farmer along the Frederick county line near Kempton. Mr Tom, as he became known, was acceptable to the proposed take-over. Along with other sons, Asa and Ray, he entered the building business with Ira. The business was known at that time as Thomas E. Watkins and Sons.

In early 1930's business was booming and the Watkins family decided to incorporate. They then became known as "The Peoples Lumber and Supply Co. Inc." Stock was sold to family, friends and almost anyone who wished to become a part of one of the first local corporations in Mount Airy.

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Peoples Lumber and Supply Company (continued)

Ira with his ability to perform bookkeeping, following his graduation from Strayer's Business School in Baltimore where he had studied evenings along with his work load, was the Treasurer, bookkeeper and estimator. Asa who always had a way with people made almost all of the purchases for the company and was also in charge of sales. Mr. Tom ran the operation with an iron hand from a rocking chair, which in later years was taken over by the soft-spoken Ira. Ray was in charge of the outside operation.



The Peoples Lumber & Supply Co. Office on Main Street

Peoples produced the first sectional homes ever built in Maryland. They were assembled in College Park. Part of the operation included a window manufacturing shop, cabinet shop, moldings shop and a concrete block plant, all of which came to pass as window and molding manufacturing was taken over by national suppliers.

As the years passed, Ray became disinterested in the business and was bought out by the corporation. In the early forties, Asa, who had already begun his own construction business on the side, asked to be relieved of his share of stock in order to claim his own fortune elsewhere. Later, Asa was known as the developer and founder of such areas as, the Carroll Avenue area of Mount Airy, Hamilton Homes in Hagerstown, Monocacy Village and Watkins Acres in Frederick, and Glade Village in Walkersville. Along with Deets Warfield, Asa planned the early development of what is now Merridale Gardens but did not live to see it come to a reality. Asa became known as one of the finest developers in the Frederick area and received the respect and admiration of both communities.

With the leaving of the last son except Ira, Tom decided to change the company to a partnership. This partnership continued until the death of Mr. Tom in the fifty's. At this time Ira paid off the remaining family heirs of his father and the business became a proprietorship.

In 1975 while in his eighties, Ira decided to incorporate again in order to perpetuate the business if something should happen to him. At this time, he offered controlling interest to his nephew, R. Delaine Hobbs Jr, who had been working for him since he was fourteen years old on a part-time basis during high school and college and began full time employment in 1956. Several years later, Ira decided to sell his remaining stock to the Corporation and did so with an understanding that he would remain president until his death.

Ira continued to come to the office in an advisory capacity until two weeks prior to his death on February 1st, 1982 at the age of 98. At that time Delaine Hobbs became President and Chairman of the Board of the Corporation.

Ira has been given credit as founder as he was the first to enter the early company with Mr. Moxley and it was his ideas that altered the path of the straw company that lead to the present building materials supplies company. Ira along with his father were two of the original 13 founders of Lumbermen's Merchandising Corporation. Ira attended conventions with Lumbermen's for over thirty-eight years without missing a meeting.

Peoples was founded with the idea of providing fair trade to the consumer with a personal touch to all who entered the door and has continued to do so over these ninety-seven years. After his graduation from Towson State University in May of 1994, Scott D. Hobbs entered the company full time as Vice President and has made an impact on the trade with new innovated ideas for both purchasing and customer relations. It was intended that Scott would be the New Era director of the Corporation.

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Discover the History of Mount Airy!

Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

See our operating train display that models the railyard once located on North Main Street. Other exhibits describe the businesses that served our community, the B&O Railroad and the children's hospital once located here.

Open Saturdays and Sundays noon until 4 p.m.

Peoples Lumber and Supply Company (continued)

Over the years, many employees have maintained a high longevity with the company; Raymond Kelly more than thirty-five years, John Kemmeny more than forty years, Herman Gillis forty two years, Robert Dubel more than thirty years, Paul Beall more than thirty-five years, Louis Dotson more than fifty years, George Watkins twenty-seven years and still going. This speaks well of management when employees spend most of their lives with a company. Management principals are much the same as those set up by Mr. Watkins.

Peoples was honored at the Fiftieth Anniversary of Lumbermen's Merchandising Corporation in Miami in 1985 along with the remaining thirteen of the thirty-five charter members, and was accepted into the Century Club in Eastern Building Materials Dealers Association in July 1989. Honored by Builders Magazine with their Century Club in 1990.

The board of directors of Peoples decided to discontinue doing business as a Building Materials Dealer effective April 1997.

Santa Claus Lane

Do you remember Santa Claus Lane, which was located in the Town's parking lot? The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland with the help and cooperation of several community service organizations is making efforts to bring this town event back. The preliminary plan is to locate the event around the Mount Airy Museum and the Mount Airy Caboose. It would open the night of the town Christmas parade, the first Saturday of December. Local choral groups would be invited to sing and of course, Santa Claus will be there to listen to the children's Christmas wishes and hand out candy canes. To keep you warm, hot chocolate will be provided at the Hot Chocolate Chalet.

This event will require a huge amount of effort to accomplish. Buildings and displays must be designed, constructed, painted and decorated along all the other props. We will need creative people and lots of labor. We will also need lots of help the nights of the event to man the hot chocolate chalet, to act as ushers and safety guards and to play the parts of various characters.

If you would like to help in the planning, design, and construction for this event, please contact us at mountairyhistoricalsociety@earthlink.net.

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Sunday and Monday, January 29 and 30

So Tender In Its Telling! So Rich In Its Remembrance!

"COME TO THE STABLE"

starring Loretta Young and Celeste Holm with Hugh Marlowe
Elsa Lanchester

Tuesday, January 31

Meet The All-American Family That's Winning All America's Heart!

"FATHER WAS A FULLBACK"

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Wednesday and Thursday, February 1 and 2

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Ad from the Community Reporter January 27, 1950

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PINEAPPLE	Del Monte Sliced	2 20-oz cans	55¢
ENRICHED MILK	Farmdale	4 tall cans	45¢

Ad from the Community Reporter January 14, 1950

Nation's Oldest Rail Line Ends Service To Local Station

Income Insufficient To Warrant Continuance Of Run To Mt. Airy, B. & O. Showed.

Only passing interest was shown here last Saturday night when the Baltimore & Ohio's No. 47 pulled into the station for the last time thus ending a 119-year-old chapter of railroad history.

The train of three coaches, drawn by a locomotive rather than the usual "doodle bug," was greeted by about 100 persons, and left a few minutes later for Baltimore, but its run was officially ended on its arrival here. It was ending passenger service over the nation's first passenger line.

What effect halting of the service will have on this and the other communities served, remains to be seen. While the announcement that the train was to be discontinued aroused quite a storm of protest here, the sincerity of the howlers was open to question for the reason that the passenger service was not used by residents of this community. At a hearing before the Public Safety Commission, the carrier produced evidence to show that but six-tenths of a passenger rode the train daily from Mt. Airy. That was less than one pay fare from this station daily. It was also shown that during the 12 months of 1948, the revenues failed to meet out-of-pocket expenses by \$31,143. A railroad official declared that total revenues of the Mt. Airy commuter trains for the first seven months of 1949 were sufficient to pay only about one-third of the costs of the \$14,000 wages of the train crews.

While the train did provide service, it was hardly the service expected by the public in this day and age. The route, which was opened in 1830 with a train pulled by Peter Cooper's Tom Thumb locomotive, ended its passenger run: at 7:30 p. m., 20 minutes behind schedule, after leaving Camden station, 41 miles distant, at 5:30 p. m.

A story in the Baltimore Sun described the last run on the Mt. Airy local in these words:

With watch in hand, Conductor Wilbur F. Hendricks stood beside train No. 47 on track 2 in Camden Station last Saturday afternoon. Leaning from a cab window of the locomotive ahead, Jacob E. Kessler, engineer, waited for a signal.

Promptly at 5:30 Mr. Hendricks waved his arm. Mr. Kessler operated the throttle and the Mount Airy local

started for its last run over the historic Old Main Line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

From every aspect it was a sentimental journey the train of three cars was to make to its terminus and return to the local station, where, on its arrival later in the evening, another chapter in the history of the railroad was closed. America's oldest operating railroad run had ended.

Started In 1830

In January, 1830, the road started commercial passage on the route to Ellicott City, using horse drawn coaches.

On Saturday afternoon more than 150 residents of Ellicott City and nearby Howard county areas came to Baltimore in buses to take the last ride between Baltimore and their home town. Many of them had been making the trip for years and for them it meant the passing of a happy memory.

For the last decade the Mount Airy local has consisted of a gasoline motor coach drawing one car with approximately 23 passengers on the way up and back.



Train #47 Pulled by Motor Coach 6071, a "Doodlebug"

For sentimental reasons a locomotive was attached to the train yesterday and there were three coaches to take the several hundred passengers who wanted to bid au revoir to the service they had known for years

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45 Years Of Service

In charge during the 41-mile run with 23 stops were Mr. Hendricks; Mr. Kessler; J. F. Barker, brakeman, and Russell M. Bly, fireman.

Mr. Kessler, with 45 years of service with the B.& O., had been engineer of the local for the last five years; Mr. Barker, with 33 years of service, four years on the run; Mr. Hendricks, 47 years of service, four years back and forth to Mount Airy; Mr. Bly, 7 years of service, intermittent trips.

"There's never been anything eventful on this line," said Mr. Hendricks. "It's just been a matter of go up in the afternoon and come back the next morning. Nothing ever happened. It was just like a family. Everybody knew everybody else. It was very pleasant."

Others in the train crew agreed with him. Among those who made the last trip was Dudley Zenter of the office of the general freight claim agent of the B.& O. He had been riding the Mount Airy local for 26 years.

An Old Friend Gone

He, with Andrew F. Carey, said the train meant the passing of an old friend. Mr. Carey recalled he rode No. 47 to Ellicott City daily and then got a street car to complete the trip to his home in Catonsville. Mr. Carey is attached to the Camden Station freight office.

Then there was the Rev. Thomas J. O'Donnell, S.J., of Woodstock College, the Jesuit house of studies. Mr. O'Donnell, making no effort to hide his sentimental attitude, said: "I've been riding her for ten years. I came in from the college today just to make the last run."

In one of the coaches was Miss E. Pearl Mercier, great-granddaughter of Charles Woods, one of the three original contractors who built the road bed over which No. 47 made its farewell journey.

Halted As Revenue Falls

As if to carry out the atmosphere of a wake, a group gathered on a coach platform before the train moved from the shed and shared their sorrow over a bottle.

Edgar P. Kessler, son of the engineer, who also is a B.& O. employee, climbed into the locomotive cabin with his parent a few minutes before the train moved out.

No. 47, which the Public Service Commission recently ruled could be stopped because of loss in revenue moved down the track into the darkness of a New Year's Eve, 6½ hours before the beginning of 1950.

Editor's Note: The previous article was from the Community Reporter of Friday, January 6, 1950. The last run of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's train #47 and the end of passenger service to Mount Airy occurred on new year's eve, Saturday, December 31, 1949, just over 70 years ago. Freight service to Mount Airy ended in 1957 and the tracks east of Main Street were abandoned by the B&O Railroad.

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Ad from the Community Reporter February 17, 1950

Through North South Highway May Skirt Mt. Airy

"The Promises That Men Live By" is the subject which will be discussed at a dinner meeting of the Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce to be held at Firemen's Hall here Thursday evening, Feb. 16, at 6:15 o'clock. Guest speaker will be Fred L. Lutes; president of Suburban National Bank, Silver Spring, Md.

To the February session of the trade body, which will be in the nature of a dinner meeting, members will bring their wives and other guests. An effort is being made, to interest former members of the group in returning to the body to help cope with problems which are affecting the economic future of Mt. Airy.

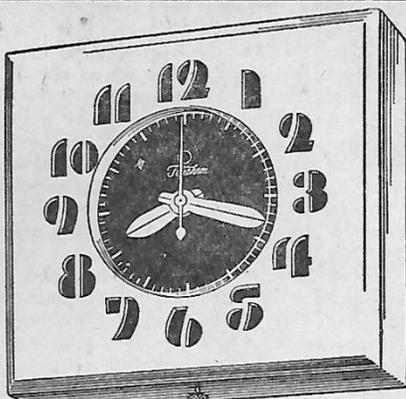
It has been rumored, for instance, that plans are under way: to rebuild State Route 27 around Mt. Airy. In other words, gossip has it that the through north-south route from Westminster to Washington will skirt Mt. Airy rather than pass through the municipality. Those firms and businesses which, of necessity, depend upon throughs visiting the town, will be vitally interested in that proposal.

Other matters of prime importance are also on the docket for discussion. Tickets at \$1.50 may be had from Miss Ruth Hood, secretary of the group. Persons not-directly interested in the Chamber affairs are extended an invitation to be on hand for the talk and discussions to follow.

Editor's Note: The previous article was from the Community Reporter of Friday, February 10, 1950. As you know, State Route 27 was rebuilt to bypass Mount Airy. It would surely appear that it impacted the businesses in the downtown area.

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland has its monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month except for the months of June, July and August.

The meetings are at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company. Please join us.

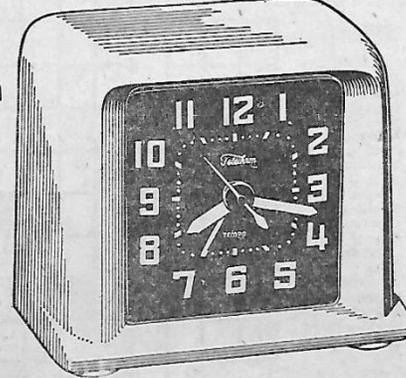


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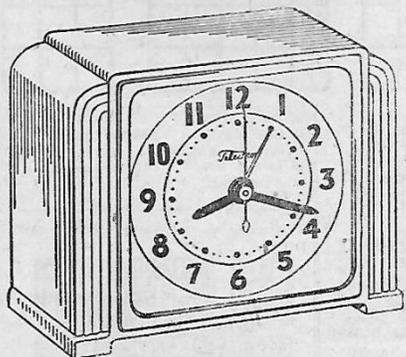


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Ad from the Community Reporter March 3, 1950

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the January, February and March, 1970 issues of the Community Reporter. The newspaper was the main source of information for Mount Airy residents and surrounding areas from November 29, 1929 until the last issue on July 1, 1983.

- Jim Wallace had a night all bowlers dream of - rolling the first all mark game ever bowled in Mt. Airy, and he also rolled the highest sanctioned game with a score of 209. He will receive the Gold Medal Award from the National Duckpin Congress. 1/6/70
- Mike Schlotterbeck is among the 20 youths nominated to compete for 2 appointments to the U.S. Naval Academy. 1/6/70
- Winter weather has halted work on the Mt. Airy By-Pass (known as relocated Route 27). The bypass is designed to relieve traffic in downtown Mt. Airy. It is hoped to open in the spring or summer of 1971. 1/6/70
- The Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company Banquet was held Jan. 8th. Highlight was the presentation of awards. The top ten firemen were William Scheel, Walter Hood, Jr., Frank Plunkard, Eddie Browning, Pat Holmes, Eddie Wiles, Tilden Barnes, Kenny Fleming, Wm. Wagner and Bruce Chaney. 1/6/70
- Free Norway Spruce and White Pine seedlings from the Md. State Department of Forestry are being distributed by the Kiwanis Club of Mt. Airy. 1/16/70
- Mrs. Helen E. Hood announced the engagement of her daughter, Mary Ann, to James Gaynor. Mary Ann is a 1967 graduate of MAHS employed at the Atomic Energy Commission. 1/16/70
- The barn on the farm of Oliver Ridgeley burned to the ground. The loss was estimated to be \$8000.00. 1/16/70
- Miss Vicki King was honored at a surprise birthday party on January 10th. The party was given by her parents on the occasion of her 16th birthday. 30 friends attended. 1/16/70
- A new phone rate schedule is approved. Residence rates will be \$6.85 for a private line and \$5.70 for a two party line. Business service will be \$14.20. 1/23/70
- The annual Troop 460 Boy Scout Banquet will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scout Movement. Dwight Walker, Scoutmaster of the original troop in 1914 will attend. The banquet will end with the playing of Taps by the troop bugler, Dane Runkles. 1/23/70
- Residents of Mt. Airy will vote Feb.2nd on the approval of the purchase of bonds to enable the town to construct a sewerage system, which will take approximately 2 years to construct. (213 votes were favorable and 94 were against). 1/30/70
- Michael Mason, a senior at South Carroll High School, has been appointed as a Capitol Page for 2 weeks. He is the first student from South Carroll to have this honor. 1/30/70
- A special Md. Blue Cross - Blue Shield program will cover your full-time student from the age of 19 to 26 for just \$3.90 a month- "Protect Them on Campus". 1/30/70
- Mt. Airy Harvest Store salesman, Irving Wagner, won the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes Christmas and New Year's Tournament with a grand total of 768. 1/30/70
- Ronald R. Runkles and Barbara J. Browning recently applied for a license to marry. 2/6/70
- A new parallel Bay Bridge is slated to open in the summer of 1972. 2/6/70

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Charles Gendell was given Scouters Key Award for service as Assistant District Commissioner. Mr. Gendell has been associated with the Boy Scout movement since March 1948, when he served as Scoutmaster for Troop 460. 2/6/70
- Cindy Lare became the bride of Terry Lee Baker on January 24th. Maid of Honor was Tina Boller and Best Man was Phil Rabie. Ushers were Don Brightwell, Bruce Chaney, Bobby Grimes, Charlie Miller, and Mike Twenty. 2/13/70
- School personnel changes for Mount Airy included the unanimous appointment of Mrs. Althea Miller for the position of Vice Principal of the Elementary School. 2/20/70
- Mount Airy minister died very suddenly Feb 17th. Rev. John W. Dawson, well respected pastor of Calvary Methodist Church died at the dinner table, without warning, and without pain. 2/20/70
- Representing Mt. Airy 4-H girls of Carroll County and showing the Simplicity Pattern Company Spring Collection were Barbara White, Ann Morel, Jeanne Harshman and Diane Walz. 2/20/70
- The Mt. Airy Players will hold auditions March 1st for the spring play "The Curious Savage" 2/27/70
- Explorer Post 760 of the Boy Scouts, sponsored by the Lions Club, showed their patriotism by displaying 24 flags in the business section of Mt. Airy in honor of Washington's Birthday. 2/27/70
- Local residents contributed \$607 to the Heart Fund Drive of Carroll County. Mrs. George Free and Mrs. Helen Simpson (cochairmen) are grateful for the time and effort the captains and their volunteers put in. 2/27/70
- The developers of the planned Merridale Gardens project are hoping to locate an Acme Supermarket and a BP Service Station there. They were advised that the town would not consider rezoning until the Mt. Airy Master Plan is approved. 3/6/70
- Mayor Carl Smith proclaims March 8 to 14 Girl Scout Week in Mt. Airy. The proclamation was signed in the presence of Miss Rita Molesworth, Brownie Scout Troop 1281, - Miss Joanne Molesworth, Junior Scout Troop 297, Miss Theresa McThenia of Cadette Troop 528, and Mrs. Henry Runkles, Community Director. 3/6/70
- A "lovely brick rancher" with breezeway and attached garage on a well landscaped lot is advertised for sale for \$25,000 by The Burdette Agency. 3/6/70
- Pfc. Edwin Wiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wiles, Lookout Ave., has recently been promoted to Private First Class. He is stationed in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. 3/13/70
- The Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company voted to purchase a new ambulance, a Superior Cadillac similar to the one placed in service in 1967, which has traveled over 54,000 miles and answered over 1000 calls. 3/20/70
- For just \$1995.00, you can purchase a new Maverick Grabber at your Ford Dealer now -featuring a 200-cubic- inch Six engine and 3 speed manual transmission. (white sidewall tires -\$30 extra). 3/13/70
- South Carroll closed the 69 to 70 basketball season same way it started- winning. In between it was a very hard road according to Coach Baker. Highlight of the season was the consistent play of guards, Rick Thren and Marvin Whittaker, and forward, Mike Alexander. 3/13/70



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