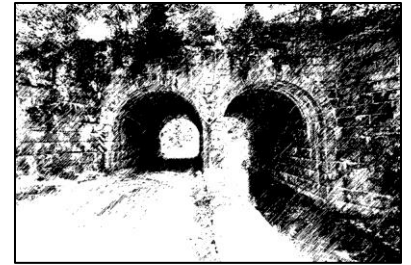




MUSEUM MEMOS

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The President's Pen

Mike Eacho

I would like to express my thanks to all the folks who worked so hard to make the 2018 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony a huge success. Through the efforts of so many people, this event is the highlight of our year. Congratulations to Paula Camuti, Doctor Full, Larry Hushour, Jim Morton, Teen Smith, 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 the wonderful community that it is.

Construction in the Mount Airy Station is nearly complete now. We will be moving in and setting up our new exhibits very soon. Many people have been busy researching and designing these exhibits. They have done an absolutely fantastic job! Now, we need to put the finishing touches on these exhibits and send them in for printing. If you can help us put the "polish" on these exhibits, please contact us at historicalsocietyofmountairy@earthlink.net. We can use your help in many ways as you will read in articles to follow.

Welcome New Members

The Historical Society would like to extend a welcome to the following new members:

- Eileen Haight
- Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn
- Larry Valett

We would also like to welcome back all our members for what we hope will be an exciting new year. We invite all our members to help us with the design of our new museum in the Mount Airy Station.

Thank You for Your Support

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals and businesses who 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.

- Denny & Pat Ahalt
- Jenny Bowlus
- Pete and Carol Bowlus
- Linda & Donnie Brightwell
- B.J. & Carl Dixon
- Peggy and Tom Fleming
- Margaret Kerchner
- Ruth Ann Lowman
- Tom & Cheryl Neff
- Clarice Runkles
- Billy and Barbara Wagner
- Burrier Queen Funeral Home & Crematory
- SK Printing

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, MD.
meets the first Tuesday of every month
(except June, July and August)
in the lower level of Mount Airy Fire Hall.
The meetings begin at 7 pm. Please join us.

We are now on Facebook at Mount Airy Historical Society. Check us out for upcoming events, updates, photos, and stories.



The Mount Airy Bottling Company

A story from H. Deets Warfield, Jr.

My Dad, H. Deets Warfield, Sr., started Nichol Kola bottling and distribution of soft drinks in approximately 1938 in an extension built to the rear of his Chevrolet dealership.

Nichol Kola was owned by H. R. Nicholson of Baltimore and the product and name was used in an agreement with my Dad.

A red coupe was used by "Buck" Phebus to promote the sales of the products including flavors developed by Bob Lewis, the manager of the bottling operation.



The Nichol Kola Coupe with "Buck" Phebus, Bob Lewis, and Deets Warfield, Sr.

Equipment for washing bottles and refilling them with the various products was installed in the new building addition.

A fleet of trucks was used to distribute the products to stores and filling stations and other places where soft drinks were sold. Signs were placed on the sides of buildings to help promote retail sales and to identify the name of the establishment.



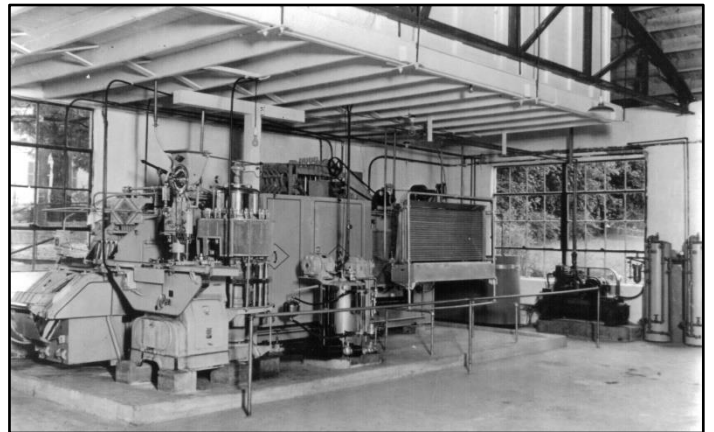
The Fleet of Nichol Kola Distribution Trucks

After several months, my Dad and Mr. Nicholson agreed to disagree over some issue which meant that the Nichol Kola name and product could no longer be used by my Dad. Bob Lewis created "Chirp" to replace Nichol Kola and Dad purchased beer bottles from a brewer in Baltimore to carry Chirp.

Two sidelights: I went to Baltimore with my Dad to buy the bottles. The brewer representative took us to lunch at Haussner's Restaurant, now closed, where fine art was displayed. As you can imagine a ten year old boy was impressed.

The beer bottles required paper labels. Many of the soft drink coolers at that time used chilled water to cool the bottles. The combination of paper, glue and water left a mess in the coolers and bottles with no labels. Fun times.

Add this story to my previous Chirp story that was printed in the Summer 2017 edition of Museum to complete the bottling story as I remember it.



Bottling Equipment at the Mount Airy Bottling Company

This photo shows the bottling machine and filling equipment. Used bottles were dumped in upside down in the far left. The clean bottles emerged from the washer on to the filler. A device at the hopper turned the caps right side up and placed them on the filled bottles. The full bottles were then placed over a light to see if any foreign material was in the full bottle prior to them being placed in crates for shipping.

The large unit to the right was the washer and sterilizer. At the upper left is the bottle filler with the hopper for caps and the pipe carrying the syrup from the second floor mixing room.

Albert L. Watkins, father of Linda Brightwell of Mount Airy, started his career with the Warfield family loading dirty bottles into the washer. He then went on to be one of Mount Airy's and Damascus' best Chevrolet Technicians.

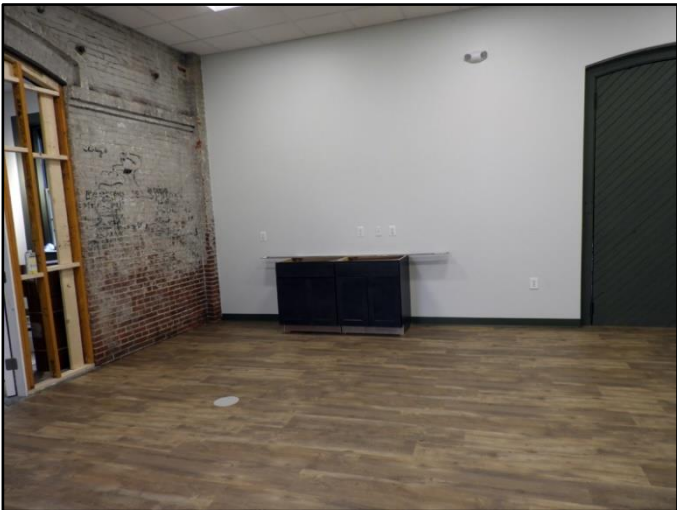
It Won't be Long Now!

Construction in the Mount Airy Station is nearly complete. As of Friday, April 6, all flooring is down, the ceiling tiles are all in, network cabling and security cabling is complete and finishing touches are being worked on. Our new home is looking awesome.

The following photo shows the northwest end of the museum's display area.



The next photo shows the museum office and collection storage room. The counter will have a sink and over it will be a storage cabinet. The brick walls will remain exposed to show the graffiti that was placed on the wall while the station was still in use.



OFFICERS

Mike Eacho, President
Clarice Runkles, Vice-President
B. J. Dixon, Secretary
Diann Linton, Treasurer

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, May 10, 1968, 50 years ago. Carl "Teen" Smith was just inducted into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame.

Carl (Teen) Smith Is Elected Mayor of Mount Airy

"Write-In" Candidate Receives More Vote Than Combined Total Polled By His Two Opponents



More than 70 percent of those eligible to vote in the town election on Monday, May 6, turned out in the Town Office to cast their ballots. The total registration was 590 and out of these 421 voted. The "write-in" candidate for the office of Mayor of Mount Airy, Carl (Teen) Smith received 217 votes out of the 421 votes cast. Charles B. Gendell received 101 votes and Carroll W. Roberts received 98.

The winners for town Councilmen were Henry P. Runkles with 306 votes, Harold M. Molesworth, 228 votes and Ray A. Grimes, 275 votes. Only three seats were vacant.

Failing to win seats as Councilmen were Andrew Mason, William Stroh and Mrs. Jean Culwell.

Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to all who supported him, with a special word of thanks to Mrs. Barbara Darneal who headed a special committee on his behalf, and to all the members of her committee. He said he is very grateful to all his friends in Mt. Airy and in return for their loyal support he pledged to do all possible for the good of the town of Mt. Airy.

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Support for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would again like to express its gratitude to the many businesses in our community that supported this year's Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Without their generous sponsorship we could not honor these deserving members of our community. We ask you all to please support the following businesses, which have supported us so generously over the years. They provide so much to our great community.

American Legion Post 191
Blade Busters Lawn Cutting, Firewood, Snow Removal
Blossom & Basket Boutique
Brick Ridge
Browning Reagle Insurance Agency
Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.
Catonsville Homes
CBI Development Group
Century Ford, Dodge, Chrysler & Jeep
Charlie Condon, Real Estate Teams, LLC
Convenience Catering & Concessions - Marsha Henley
Electrical Solutions Michael Dixon
4 County Lions
George's Girls Jewelry & Repairs
Green-Living Homes, LLC (Frank Dertzbaugh)
Health Unlimited Family Fitness and Aquatic Center
Jeff Barnes Chevrolet, Inc.
Jerry's Trophies, LLC
J & J Trash Service
Kerry Mandrik, Long & Foster Realtors
Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy
Lindquist Insurance Insurance
Mary Hushour, Realtor Long & Foster
MacKenzie A. Kantruss, Attorney at Law
Mount Airy Ace Hardware
Mount Airy Lions Club
NWSB Bank, A Division of ACNB Bank
New York J&P Pizza
Old Line Bank
Paul Clay, Real Estate Consultant RE/MAX Realty Plus
Rotary Club of Mount Airy
Snap Fitness
SK Printing
Steve Jackson Real Estate Teams, LLC
Team Bonnie and Maureen - RE/MAX Realty Plus

T.E.M. Trucking, Inc. Pool Water, Stone, Etc.
The Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce
The Mount Airy Inn
The Plumbery Home Center
Tim Barkley, Attorney
Van Mar Associates, Inc. Engineers, Planners, Surveyors
Wagner Meats / Mt. Airy Locker Co.
WRF & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Help is Still Needed to Complete Exhibits

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland still needs help completing exhibits for the new Mount Airy Museum. We have about a dozen people actively researching and designing exhibits including the following:

- The Mount Airy Station
- The Garrett Sanitarium
- The B&O Railroad crossings of Parr's Ridge
- The Mount Airy Railyard
- Commerce and Industry including:
 - The Mills of Mount Airy
 - The Mount Airy Canning Company
 - The Mount Airy Sewing Factory
 - The Mount Airy Bottling Company
 - Myers Drug Store
 - Tops Market
 - Watkins 5&10
- Education in Mount Airy

All the designs so far are interesting and informative. We need a graphical designer to help us put the polish on these exhibits so they are eye-catching and professional looking.

We also need the help of model railroaders to help us design and fabricate an HO scale model of the Mount Airy railyard that will include models of the mills, Mount Airy Station, the coal yards and the canning factory. Artists are needed to paint the background scenery for this model. So, if you have these talents and would be willing to help or know someone who would help, please contact us at the historical society.



Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Althea Miller

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the April, May, and June, 1968 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.

- The Kiwanis Club was entertained by the South Carroll High School Key Club Band. The group recently received first prize in the talent contest at the Key Club Convention in Baltimore. Randy Wilson, sponsor, introduced Key Club members present. Larry Cullison told about the convention. 4/5/68
- The local postmaster reminds all patrons the proper rate for Easter and other greeting cards weighing one ounce or less is now 6 cents. 4/5/68
- Most Potomac Edison customers will soon begin receiving their electric bills once every two months, it was announced today. 4/12/68
- James Linton has secured a permit to build a "Car Wash" station in Mount Airy on the lot next to Fireman's Hall. He hopes to have the business by the first of June. 4/12/68
- The spring concert will be given at SCHS on April 19. The Cavalier Stage Band will be featured with music from the 40's, 50's and present day. A woodwind quintet including Marilyn Baker, Clarice Runkles, Downey Henley, Mark Dixon and Gloria Clower will perform. Members of the Stage Band are: David Metcalf, Larry Cullison, Steve Pope, Mike Burdette, Terry Manner, Craig Edwards, Charles Deitrich, Robert Hawkins, Steve Walton, Robert Wright, James Smith, Jerry Baker, Mike Mason and Charles Magin. 4/12/68
- As the town election draws near, three candidates for mayor have withdrawn from the race: Carroll Robinson, H. M. Molesworth and Andrew Mason. The ballot will now read: Charles Gendell and Carl Smith. Ray Grimes, Jean Culwell, William Stroh and Henry Runkles are running for Town Council. 4/19/68
- One hundred fifty-eight children participated in the Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Lions Club last Saturday. 4/19/68
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gosnell recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They were honored by friends in Frederick and by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson (neighbors). 4/19/68
- The Mount Airy Lions in cooperation with Damascus Chevrolet is sponsoring the First Annual Soap Box Derby. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$500 savings bond and an all-expense paid trip to Akron, Ohio to compete in the All American Soap Box Derby. 4/26/68
- R. J. Reynolds Foods, Inc. today announced that Frances Rippeon, 704 Park Ave., won first prize in the 1968 Patio Top Spot Sweepstakes. Rippeon won a complete movie outfit, a movie projector and a projection screen. 4/26/68
- Barbara White and Kathy Stapleton have just returned from the University of Maryland where they attended the annual state FHA meeting. During the business Ms. White was installed as the new state president. 5/3/68
- Mrs. V.R. Simpson, of Church Street, has volunteered to be captain of the Mount Airy Area 1968 Carroll County Cancer Crusade for the American Cancer Society. 5/3/68

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- Carl (Teen) Smith was elected Mayor of Mount Airy. He received 217 votes of the 421 votes cast. Charles Gendell received 101 and Carroll Robinson 98. Winners for Town Council were: Henry Runkles with 306 votes, H.M. Molesworth with 328 and Ray Grimes with 325. 5/10/68
- Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Lucy V. Williams, a life-long resident of Mount Airy, who lived to be 100. The funeral was at the Waltz Funeral Home, Winfield. 5/17/68
- The Mount Airy Kiwanis Club celebrated its 19th Charter night at the Fireman's Activities Building. Past presidents were honored including Ray Selby, the first president. 5/17/68
- The Mayor and Town Council have announced that a new garbage truck will be delivered on May 31. The truck is an International and was purchased from Bohrer Motors at a cost of \$11,600.00. 5/24/68
- Pine Grove Chapel will be the scene of the Annual Memorial Day Service on Thursday, May 30 at 10:00A.M. 5/24/68
- Commencements Exercises were held at SCHS on June 6 for the first graduating class of 206. The speaker was Theodore McKeldin. Music was provided by the seniors of the Orpheus Choir and The Troubadours. 5/31/68
- 1968 Yearbooks (SCHS) were distributed during homeroom on May 27. The yearbook, "Sword and Shield," contains 172 pages. 780 books were sold. 5/31/68
- An old fashioned Hymn Sing will be held on June 2 at Marvin Chapel Methodist Church. A variety of groups will perform in addition to the group singing. If weather permits the "Sing" will be held outside. 5/31/68
- The 22nd annual Lions carnival opens June 17 at Fireman's Park. General chairman are: Carroll Robinson, outgoing president; Donald Dods, incoming president and Herman S. Beck, Jr. 6/7/68
- Little League season opened on June 1. Andrew Mason was Master of Ceremonies who welcomed a large crowd of parents and friends. Mayor Teen Smith welcomed the Little Leaguers and threw out the first ball to officially open the season. 6/7/68
- "The Sparklers", local majorette group, will make its debut at the Lions carnival. 6/14/68
- A tree was recently planted on the school grounds of Lisbon Elementary School in honor of the late Emily Watkins Burns. Mrs. Burns was a long time teacher at the school. She was a beloved co-worker, teacher and friend. She had taught hundreds of children. 6/14/68
- Once again this summer there will be Head Start and Title I classes held in many of the schools in Carroll County. Mount Airy Elementary will conduct classes from July 1 to August 12. 6/21/68
- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson are the proud parents of a son, Gerald B., Jr., born recently at Frederick Memorial Hospital. This is their second child, second son. 6/28/68
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Culwell are the proud parents of their first child, a son, Matthew Thomas, born on June 13 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Culwell is the former Fay Farver of Winfield. 6/28/68
- Several Methodist Churches in the area have been assigned new pastors. The following assignments have been announced: The Rev. Richard Schawinger, Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel; Rev. Hall W. Huling, Prospect, and Marvin; Rev. Russell Lacy, Ridgeville, Howard Chapel; Rev. Harold Conley, Taylorsville, Brandenburg and Barrett; Rev. Glenn Himor, Winfield, Ebenezer and Salem; Rev. Michael Chimean, Lisbon. 6/28/68



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