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Mt. Airy Museum Newsletter

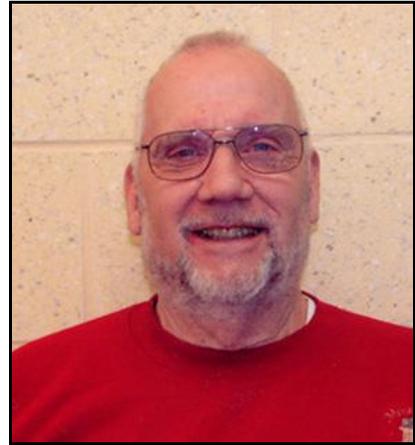


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Holiday Season 2018

Mount Airy's Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Russell Lee Fogle



Mr. R. Wayne Evans receives the 2018 Frank Johnson Volunteer of the Year award from Mr. Frank Johnson

Wayne Evans, Vice President of the Mount Airy Main Street Association, was named the 2018 Mount Airy Volunteer of the Year. Wayne is a member of the Mount Airy Lions Club where he chairs several committees including the holiday food and gift drive during Thanksgiving and Christmas, he is the Leo Club adviser at the Mount Airy Middle School, member of the Mount Airy Historical Society and committee member, volunteers weekly at the Mount Airy Farmers Market, has spent many hours in God's Kitchen helping wherever he is needed, and volunteers throughout the community at various charitable events.

Congratulations Wayne! Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated.

Russell Lee Fogle, 85, of Mount Airy, MD, passed on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the beloved husband of the late Mary Edna (Stone) Fogle, his wife of 62 years.

Lee was born April 15, 1933, in Braddock Heights, MD. He was the son of the late Russell Melvin Fogle and late Alma F. Shull Fogle. Mr. Fogle retired from C & P Telephone Company in 1992 with 36 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Member of Mt. Airy American Legion Gold Star Post 191 and Mt. Airy VFW Four Counties Post 10076. Lee coached Little League Baseball for 7 years, was a volunteer for Boy Scout Troop 191, a member of Keystone Freestaters Camp Club for 20 years, a 50-year member of Mt. Airy Kiwanis Club and was recognized in 2006 as an outstanding Kiwanian receiving the Hixon Award, 20-year member of the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary, member of Howard Chapel-Ridgeville UMC, member of Mt. Airy 55+ Club and a member of The Coffee Club. Mr. Fogle was inducted to the Mount Airy Hall of Fame in 2009.

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Mr. Russell Lee Fogle
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Surviving are his three children and their spouses, Steven and Jill Fogle of Lexington Park, MD, David and Sherry Fogle of Warrensburg, MO, and Kenneth and Lisa R. Fogle of Mt. Airy, MD; seven grandchildren Jennifer, Kristin, Brady, Lori, Jessany, Andy, and Dusty and wife Chelsea Fogle; two great-grandchildren, Colin and Kinsley Fogle.

Lee and his family have requested that in his honor donations be made to the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary, 702 N. Main St. Mt. Airy, MD 21771, or University of MD Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care, 644 W. Baltimore St. Baltimore, MD 21201. Mr. Fogle and his family would like to give a special thanks to the doctors and staff of FMH 2-C and Frederick County Hospice. Online condolences at www.burrier-queen.com.

Goodbye, Lee, you will be missed.

Thank You for Your Support

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to thank the following individuals who made donations to the Historical Society. These donations help us with the cost of printing of the newsletter, the cataloging and storage of new items in the collection, and the acquisition of new historical items. They will also help us pay for expenses that we have incurred and continue to incur for the development of the new exhibits in the Mount Airy Museum.

Ray Molesworth

All the wonderful visitors to our museum who left money in the museum's donation box

We would also like to thank the following people who have donated artifacts and photographs. These pieces of Mount Airy's history will be added to our collection and eventually make it into the exhibits in the Mount Airy Museum.

Eugene Mullinix

Truman and Lavinia Kelley



Welcome New Members

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

Bonnie & Doug Alexander

The Historical Society of Mount Airy Maryland wishes you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019.



History of Mount Airy

The following story is a continuation of our newsletter's "History of Mount Airy series". This story along with many other tales of our town's history can be found in the book "A Vision of Home", more commonly called "the Blue Book", which is available for purchase at the Mount Airy Museum.

Mount Airy Ice Factory

The first ice factory of Mount Airy was established by Mr. George Runkles and Emory Wagner in 1912. This factory was in operation for two years with success when in the year 1914 a disastrous fire, which started in the Farmers Milling and Grain Company, wrought complete destruction to the ice plant along with most of the businesses north of the B&O Railroad Company's tracks.

In the spring of 1914 the ice factory was remodeled and enlarged and put under operation by Mr. R. L. Runkles and Emory Wagner.

In the spring of 1915 the town was fortunate to have Mr. C. C. Riddlemoser buyout Mr. Wagner's interest and install an electric generating plant in connection with the ice plant. He obtained a franchise and furnished the town with electric lights.

The ice and electric plant was operating successfully by these two men until the spring of 1921 when the Hagerstown & Frederick Railway Company took over the electric business and ran wires from Frederick to Mount Airy. These wires carried 3000 volts of electricity to Mount Airy where it was transformed into 2300 volts. This voltage was used to run the Farmers Milling & Grain Co., the M. V. Runkles' flour mill, the Farmers Dairy and the Peoples Lumber and Supply Co. It was again reduced to 220 volts to run smaller factories and further reduced to 100 volts for the lighting of houses.

In the spring of 1921, the Mt. Airy Ice Company sold its interest to a corporation known as the Mt. Airy Ice Cream Company with the following officers: Walter R. Rudy, President; Alonza B. Sellman, Vice President; Archley R. Molesworth, Secretary-Treasurer; C. C. Riddlemoser, Manager.

The corporation enlarged the plant for the storage of ice. The ice cream manufactured by this company found a ready sale, for there were 10,000 gallons sold since the first of July. The capacity of the plant was 24,000 pounds per day.

Successful Fundraisers

The Historical Society has been the beneficiary of several fundraisers over the last few months. These fundraisers will help the society to pay for new exhibits planned for early next year and to help defray the cost of exhibits that are already in place.

The fundraisers were held through the generosity of several local restaurants. They donated a percentage of the profits for a day's sales for meals purchased by anyone who came in support of the Historical Society. Local restaurants that participated in these fundraising events were:

- Green Turtle – September 27 - \$164
- California Tortilla – October 17 - \$262
- Chipotle – November 14 - \$110

Many thanks to Mary Hushour for making the arrangements for these events and to Bonnie McElroy who got the word out to the local newspapers. Special thanks go out to the Green Turtle, California Tortilla and Chipotle for their support and to all the terrific people who came out and ate those days and made these events the success that they were.

Our next big fundraiser will be the Annual Bag & Box Bingo on February 23, 2019. The event will be held at the Fireman's Reception Hall on the Fire Company's carnival grounds. The doors will open at 5:30. Response from local businesses has been spectacular, so there will be lots of great prizes. Please, save the date and join us for a great evening of fun.

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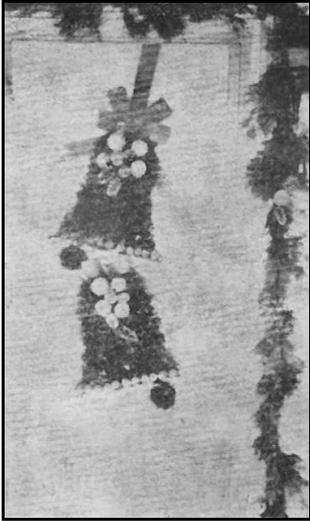
The Historical Society of Mount Airy, MD.
meets the first Tuesday of every month
(except June, July and August)
in the lower level of Mount Airy Fire Hall.
The meetings begin at 7 pm. Please join us.

Explore the fascinating history of Mount Airy. Visit the Mount Airy Museum. Hours for the upcoming winter are:

- Friday 12 noon until 4 p.m
- Friday 6 p.m until 8 p.m.
- Saturday 12 noon until 4 p.m.
- By appointment

Doorway Contest Winners Announced

Again this year the Mt. Airy-Ridgeville area looked very lovely with the many beautifully trimmed and skillfully lighted doorways. The doorways are particularly attractive at night when they are lighted. Each year the judges have difficulty deciding the winners as Mt. Airy has so many artistic doorways.

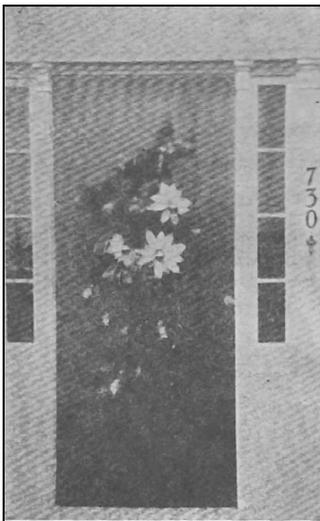


First Prize – Live Material Category



First Prize – Artificial Category

The judges this year were Mr. and Mrs. R. Lafferty from New Carrollton, Md. Mrs. Lafferty is president of the New Carrollton Garden Club. The Mt. Airy Garden Club members were not in competition this year as they sponsored the contest, assisted by the local Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and Jaycees. The members of the Bee and Thistle Garden Club of Mt. Airy were in competition and two were winners.



Second Prize – Live Material Category



Second Prize – Artificial Category

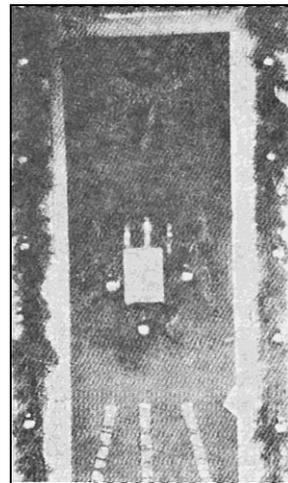
Two categories were judged, doors where live material only was used and doors using live and

artificial material. The winners in the “live” material class were as follows: 1st prize winners, Mr. and Mrs. Latimer Watkins; 2nd prize winners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gendell; 3rd prize winners, Mr. and Mrs. John Shank. The lovely doorways of these three winners are pictured in this article.

The winners in the class using artificial material were: 1st prize winners, Mr. and Mrs. James Wetzell; 2nd prize winners, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown; 3rd prize winners, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammond; honorable mention went to Mr. and Mrs. William Duvall. The doorways of these winners are also pictured here.

Those who were winners will be given an authorization to pick up a shrub at the appropriate time. They will be advised of the time and place.

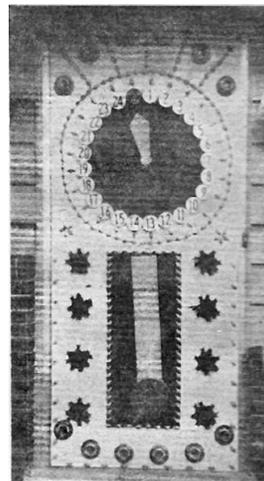
A special vote of thanks goes to Russ Dennis and the Jaycees for Russ’s time and effort in taking the pictures last year through the courtesy of the Potomac Edison Co., and by authority of the Jaycees organization.



Third Prize – Live Material Category



Third Prize – Artificial Category



Honorable Mention – Artificial Category

Editor’s note: the previous article appeared in the Community Reporter on Friday, December 27, 1968. The Historical Society’s float for this year’s cancelled Christmas Parade was to be “The Mount Airy Doorway Contest”.

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Althea Miller

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the January, February and March, 1969 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.

- An application for Postmaster at Mount Airy at \$8,535 a year, will be open until January 21, 1969, the Civil Service Commission announced today. 1/3/69
- The Prospect Homemakers Club held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Merton Rhinecker. She was assisted by Mrs. Henry Magaha and Mrs. Sterling Roberts. They revealed their "Secret Pals" for 1968 and drew names for 1969. 1/3/69
- After many years of fighting inflation which has loaded us with mounting operation costs, we find it necessary, beginning with in January 1,1969 to increase the subscription price of our paper. Due to higher minimum wage, increased prices for ink, postal charges, taxes and a host of other expenses forced us to increase our annual subscription rate to \$5.00. 1/3/69
- A local businessman, Latimer Watkins, proprietor of the Mount Airy 5 and 10 cent store, was a college roommate of David Kennedy, President Nixon's Secretary of the Treasury. They both attended George Washington University, Washington, D.C. in the 1930's. When learning Mr. Kennedy had been named to one of the highest appointed posts Mr. Watkins wrote Kennedy a congratulatory note. Kennedy responded hoping to visit the Watkins' in Mount Airy. 1/10/69
- Airman Talmadge Wilson, Jr. has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He had been assigned to Kessler AFB, Mississippi. 1/10/69
- At the public meeting held at the fire house in Mount Airy on January 7 plans for a new sewerage system for Mount Airy were discussed. Ninety-six citizens of the town were in attendance. Mayor Carl Smith asked they consider the plans and return to a meeting on January 13 with any questions they want discussed. The town council will vote in February for or against sewerage. If the decision is favorable a resolution will be passed and will be voted on by the citizens at a special election in March. 1/10/69
- At the recent school board meeting it was announced that bids would be opened on the addition to Mount Airy Elementary School on January 20, 1969. After much discussion, it was agreed that the South Carroll High School athletic field to the rear of Waltz Funeral Home may be used for varsity football in 1969 and 70 only. The SCHS band shall not use the field more than once a week and not during funerals and viewings. Discussion is ongoing about the relocation of the football field. 1/17/69
- The 10th Annual State Conference on Education will be held January 30 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Representatives from Mount Airy are: Mrs. C.William Knill, Mrs. Carl J.Vosloh, Jr. and Mrs. Richard White. 1/24/69
- Ralph Holweck was recently installed as president of the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club. Also installed were: Wayne Norwood, vice president; Andy Mason, secretary; Jack Devault; Harry Bellison, Bob Browning and Dick Wilson, members of the board of directors. 1/24/69
- Marsha Stroh has been named 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for SCHS on the basis of her score on the knowledge and aptitude test in homemaking given senior girls on December 3. The recognition had made her eligible for state and national scholarships. 1/31/69
- Lt. John Raymond (Ray) Molesworth, Jr. has taken a leave of absence from his job in New York City to serve his tour of duty in the U.S. Army. Molesworth is a 1968 graduate of Virginia Tech with a B.S. degree in accounting. 1/31/69

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clower recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a surprise party given at their home by their children: Ricky, Ronnie and Gloria. 1/31/69
- Miss Linda Kaye Fogle became the bride of Bruce Alan Clutter on December 28 at Calvary Methodist Church. 1/31/69
- Gloria Clower is this year's winner of MD Angus Women's Club. Gloria's interest in beef cattle began in 1962 when she started with a beef project in 4-H. 1/31/69
- The "Evening of Music" at Calvary, held Sunday evening, was a huge success. It was sponsored by the MYF. 2/7/69
- The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, February 10 at 8:00 P.M. at the Fire Hall. Members are reminded that it is time to pay dues. 2/7/69
- The Delaine Hobbs Studio will host the Frederick and Carroll County regional meeting of the Professional Photographers. Eastman Kodak Company sponsors the event. 2/7/69
- Van Fosson's Beauty Shop is open for business by appointment only. It is located on Hardy Road, 1 mile off Rte. 40. Phone: 829-0731 2/7/69
- Last Thursday the SCHS Wrestling Team defeated North Hagerstown by a score of 37-9: 4 by pin, 4 by decision and 1 by a forfeit. Winners were: Jay Davis, Scott Robinson, Dave Shifflett, Steve Browning, Dave Zepp, Ed Cauldorn, Mike Schlotterbeck, Gene Will and Alan Kinsler. 2/7/69
- The band boosters of SCHS recently sponsored a basketball game of the faculty vs. the Good Guys of Radio WCAO. The faculty won 76-70 and \$930.00 was added to the treasury, according to Herman "B" Beck, president. 2/14/69
- The Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce chose Robert (Bobby) Browning as the new president. He is a local grocer and insurance agent. Ray Grimes will continue as vice president, Mary Brown as secretary and Henry Brown as treasurer. Members of the board of directors are: H.S. Albright, H.S. Beck, Jr., Floyd Hulver, Delaine Hobbs, Henry Runkles, Carl Smith, James Windsor and H.M. Molesworth, Jr. 2/14/69
- Lt. Sam Dorsey, Commander of the Frederick Barracks of the MD State Police recently spoke at the Kiwanis Club Meeting. He spoke of some problems the state police and ultimately the public have to face. 2/14/69
- The MAVFC responded to three alarms from the second to the eighth of February. There was a call for a house fire that turned out to be a false alarm. The other two calls were a rescue on Rte.40 and a garage fire in Winfield. The ambulance was called 10 times in the same period—6 were emergencies and 4 were routine transports. 2/14/69
- Clyde E. Gue and Ray Braham, members of the local antiques firm left New York Tuesday for England and the European continent where they plan to visit wholesale and exporters in their business. They are traveling on the British airline BOAC. 2/21/69
- Scout Troop # 460 held its' annual banquet on February 15 commemorating the 59th birthday of BSA. The new scoutmaster, Joseph W. Stevens, was introduced. He replaces long time scoutmaster, Richard H. "Dick" Smith, who was given many accolades. 2/21/69
- On Tuesday the South Carroll Cavaliers were defeated by the Frederick High Cadets 75-39. The Cadets are undefeated for the season. High scorer was Rick Thren with 10 points, Jerry Baker and Brian Knauff each had 7 points, Tom Mullin and Doug Alexander each scored 6. 2/21/69
- Wendy Clutter was crowned Key Club Sweetheart at the Annual Key Club Dance on Saturday. Denny and the Chadwicks of Baltimore provided the music for the semi-formal affair. 2/21/69
- Miss Barbara White, a junior at SCHS has won the Carroll County American County American Legion Oratorical contest. She will enter the district contest on February 28 in Frederick. 2/28/69

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The district offices of the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks advises the spring season in which the 4:00 P.M. burning have taken place beginning March 1. From March 1 until May 31 the regulation prohibits open air burning before 4:00 P.M. within 200 feet of woodland. Burning between 4:00 and midnight is permitted if there is a safety strip at least 10 feet in width. 2/28/69
- On Wednesday night, February 26 at Calvary Methodist Church, an experiment began in cooperation among the churches of the Mount Airy area. For five Wednesday nights during the Lenten season nine denominations will be joining together in common worship. The services will be conducted by five denominations according to their traditions: Methodist, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Brethren, etc. All are welcome. 2/28/69
- Mrs. Helen Glaze retired on February 22 after 39 years of service at Mount Airy Bank first with First National Bank and later with Farmers and Mechanics. 3/7/69
- Carroll Robinson will begin construction of his 12 unit apartment building as soon as the weather permits. This unit will be just back of the first unit on Watersville Road. 3/7/69
- The town council discussed damage to Bellview Ave. by school buses. The town resolved to send a letter to the BOE, stating that unless the board could find some way to help the street it would have to be closed to school buses. 3/7/69
- Mr. Ralph Banks was recently honored at a dinner at the Fireman's Activities Building on the eve of his retirement after 30 years of service as manager of the Mount Airy Sewing Factory. The Rombro Brothers, owners, hosted the celebration. 3/7/69
- Airman Ellen M. Beck, Center Street, has recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. She had been assigned to Kessler AFB, Mississippi for training as an air traffic controller. Beck is a graduate of SCHS. 3/14/69
- Two local students were recently named to the Deans List at Frostburg State College: Linda Louise Farver, a junior and Janice Mercer Miller, a senior. 3/14/69
- Charles W. Eyler, Jr., 301 Main Street, has recently procured a permit to convert a showroom into an apartment. This is the site of the former Ford garage. 3/14/69
- Dana Miller was elected president of the SCHS government association for next year. Jay Newcomer was elected vice president. 3/14/69
- On March 12 the Bee and Thistle Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Charles Gendel to hear David Snell of Snells Nursery speak on "Pruning". 3/31/69
- In celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Mount Airy Ki-Wives, they recently held a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson. Mrs. Sue Wilson, retiring president, congratulated the members for having undertaken and completed so many worthwhile community projects during her tenure: purchase of a band uniform for SCHS band; sending 2 children to camp from Johnsville School for the Mentally Retarded; money for four students from MAMS to attend Outdoor School; a contribution to the David Day Fund and the purchase of baby clothing for an expectant mother. 3/21/69
- The Mount Airy Lions Club is again planning an Easter Egg Hunt for children on Saturday, April 5 at the Activities Building. 3/21/69
- A gymnastics program was enjoyed by all PTA members at the March meeting at the middle school. The program was presented by students at MAMS under the direction of Mrs. Leatherwood, Mrs. LaMont and Mr. Myers. The nomination committee with Joe Richards as chairman and Jack Devault and Lee Fogle as members presented the following slate for the coming year: President- Rose Moxley; Vice President-Horace Boone; Secretary-Eunice Vosloh and Treasurer-Ruth Maring. 3/28/69
- Services for Holy Week at Calvary Methodist Church are as follows: Tuesday-Rev. John Dawson; Wednesday-Rev. Richard Downs; Thursday-Sacrament of Lords Supper and the usual 3 hour service on Good Friday from noon to 3:00. The other services will be at 8:00 P.M. 3/28/69



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