



# *MUSEUM MEMOS*

## Mt. Airy Museum Newsletter



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### **The Essence of Public Service**

By: Zachary Peters

Sir Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.” That aspect of giving can be applied to public service.

There are a few names around Frederick County that specifically stand out right when you hear them: Roscoe Bartlett, Doc McClellan, Jim Grimes, Louise Snodgrass, Goodloe and Beverly Byron, just to name a few. Some people might even call some of these people “Good Ol’ Boys.” In the Town of Mount Airy, one of those names is Delaine Hobbs, who recently passed away.

In 2013, there was a special ceremony at the Mount Airy Town Hall honoring Mr. Hobbs for his 36 years of service to the town as an elected councilman. Even though he was a councilman, he was also far more than that: business owner, husband, father, ambulance crew member, volunteer fireman, and president of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company – all while serving the town in elected office.

We can credit Mr. Hobbs for many of the improvements and aspects of Mount Airy that we still enjoy today. From implementing and improving the original sewer and wastewater system to having an open mind toward development, Mr. Hobbs always kept the needs of the town first rather than working on a personal agenda. This selfless behavior is rarely exemplified in politics today at all levels.

In his speech to the standing-room-only crowd that came out for the ceremony, Mr. Hobbs said that if it weren’t for his “pro-growth” attitude while in office, none of the sitting councilmen would be there today.

Mr. Hobbs consistently sacrificed time with his family for the betterment of the Town of Mount Airy in nearly every aspect. The majority of today’s public servants at the local level are focused on what is best for them – or their neighborhood – rather than the overarching needs of the community they represent.

Later in his remarks he referenced team work and how important that concept had been in all of his success in the town, yet another concept many elected officials simply cannot grasp.

If our nation would be lucky enough to have more dedicated and passionate servants such as Delaine Hobbs, we would truly live in a better country. We need more elected officials who are certain to govern based on their constituents’ needs, rather than their own. Not only that, but we need more elected officials who will sacrifice their personal time and feelings for the improvement of our nation. We deserve to have political leaders who aren’t afraid to serve in other capacities of the community, rather than just living off the fame of political office.

In essence, we need more men like Delaine Hobbs.

With all the recent news coverage and excitement about this year’s election, I challenge everyone to look at all of the candidates and ask yourself whether that individual would truly be the one who will consistently put your needs and the needs of your community in front of all else.

As a proud citizen of the Town of Mount Airy, I would like to thank Mr. Delaine Hobbs for everything he has done for our community and his nearly four decades of service. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. He will be sorely missed.

Visit the Mount Airy Museum Saturdays 12 noon until 4 pm.

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## Mount Airy Museum Volunteers Needed

The Historical Society tries to have the Mount Airy Museum open every Saturday from 1 o'clock p.m. until 4 o'clock p.m. beginning the first week in April until the first or second week in December. We would actually like to be open more. However, we cannot open unless we get volunteers to host our visitors.

Being a museum host is simple; you just open the door, turn on the lights, put out the "Museum Open" sign and occasionally answer visitor's questions. Between visitors you can read a good book or look through photographs stored on the museum's computer.

When it's time for you to leave, just bring in the sign, turn out the light, lock and close the door and make sure the door is locked. It is that simple.

We will take any time you can spare from an hour up to four hours on Saturdays. Ruth Ann Lowman will gladly show you what needs to be done and will show you how to view historic photographs.

As it stands now, we will not be able to open the museum several weekends during June and July for want of volunteers. If you have an hour or more to spare on Saturdays, please call Ruth Ann Lowman at 301-829-8293.

## Many Thanks to Catonsville Homes

The Mount Airy Historical Society would like to thank the management and staff of Catonsville Homes for storing three display cases for the last thirteen years. These display cases were constructed under contract with Senior Cabinet maker, Wayne T. Johnson of the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, Md. Mr Johnson fabricated the display cases in Mount Airy at the wood shop of Dertzbaugh Construction. Frank Dertzbaugh kindly donated the use of his shop, equipment, tools, materials during the construction of the cases.

These display cases were never used to display items at the museum. Sadly they have spent their entire life in storage. They were stored in the building housing The Blossom And Basket Bouquet. They were then moved to the Catonsville Home's Building on South Main Street until April 2016. They then needed to be moved again as a brewery will be coming to the area where the cases were stored. These cases have been moved to temporary storage.

Thank you again to Mr. Rob Scranton, Mr. Frank Potepan III, and Mr. Steve Edmondson of Catonsville Homes moving and storing these cases.

**CITIZENS OF TOMORROW**



Our picture gallery this week of some of Mount Airy's future citizens includes three pre-school-age youngsters who are their parents' pride and joy.

Brian E. Dennis, shown above at left, is 2½ years of age and is the attractive son of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Dennis, who reside at 204 Carroll Avenue, here.

The young fellow in the center is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Miller, 504 Park Avenue, Mount Airy. Billy is five years old and is a fine looking lad.

On the right is David Watkins, who lives at 200 Hill St., Mount Airy. He is the attractive son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Watkins. David is four years old.

From the Mt. Airy Community Reporter – June 3, 1966

## Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

- A Teen Club is in the process of being organized in Mount Airy. Temporary officers and committees were set up. The next meeting will be held at the American Legion on May 9 at 7:30; (5/6/66)
- Norman Wilson Etzler, Woodbine has been admitted to West Point Military Academy, according to Rep. Clarence Long. Etzler is an honor student at MAHS and a member of the basketball and soccer teams. (5/6/66)
- At the regular weekly meeting of the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club held on May 4 the Sixth Annual Diamond Jubilee observance was held. Thirty-nine guests were honored on this occasion. Special recognition was given to Frank Weller, 88, and Mrs. Lula Pickett, 94. Harry Bellison, former manager of the American Store, presented Mrs. Pickett with a lone pineapple and reminisced about her annual order of a case of pineapples when she was a resident of Mount Airy. Entertainment was provided by the Seventh Grade Band under the direction of Frank Miller. (5/13/66)
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon announce the birth of a son, Michael Carlton, on May 3. (5/20/66)
- Pine Grove Chapel will be the scene of the annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 30 at 10:00. (5/20/66)
- The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department proudly announces the purchase of a new truck through the Jones Motor Company, The new engine is on a two ton Dodge chassis, with the fire apparatus by Universal Fire Apparatus Company. The equipment is basically for brush fires but it can be converted to a pumper for emergency town use. (5/20/66)
- The Lions Club 20th Annual Carnival will be conducted from June 15-20, says Chairman Charles Gendell. Assisting Gendell are Leonard Sherman, and Herman S. Beck in addition to many other Lions and their wives. (5/27/66)
- Member of the Class of 1966 of MAHS presented their annual class night on May 15. Linda Farver and Wilson Etzler announced the various variety acts. Donald Duncan gave the farewell address. Judy Windsor, who also wrote the words to the class song, made the welcome talk. The class officers made the gifts to Chester Elder, principal. (5/27/66)
- Girl Scout Troop 1031 attended an encampment at Cunningham Falls State Park over the weekend. Scouts attending the encampment were: Diane Muller, Joyce Gosnell, Debbie Barrie, Melody Badger, Kristi Burns, Kaye Smith, Cheryl Anders, Theresa Fogle, Lu Ann Stem, Clarice Runkles, Phyllis Becker and Mrs. Raymond Barre, troop leader. (6/3/66)
- The program has been released for the Lions Club carnival beginning June 20. Monday will feature a Punch and Judy Show that will delight the children. A program of country music featuring Dave Neely and the Schumann family, regulars on the Grand Ole Opry, will be featured on Tuesday. The MAHS band will perform Wednesday night. A treat on Thursday night will be the Rhythm Lads, a group of six musicians featuring Little Norman, a performer only 20 ½ inches tall. The “jet set” will have their entertainment Friday night when the Uptowns perform. Saturday will feature drawings and awards. (6/3/66)
- The Annual Memorial Day Assembly was presented by Mrs. Lowman’s fifth graders. The flag bearers, Jeff Schlotterbeck, Gary Rippeon, Dale Flora, Bruce Wilder, Dennis Baker and Gregg Mason presented the flag. Robert Wagner and Lynn Odom raised it. As it was lowered to half mast, Cliff Beck, echoed by Dane Runkles played Taps. Following the Star Spangled Banner Denise Maynard gave the history of Memorial Day. Curtis Norris gave Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. Two poems, “In Flanders Field” and “The Blue and the Gray” were given in choral reading. (6/3/66)
- The Rev. and Mrs. C. Roger Elgert were honored at a Farewell Tea on June 12. After six years at Calvary Methodist Church the Elgerts will be moving to a new church, North College Park Methodist Church. (6/17/66)

## Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Thirty-six members of the Class of 1966 of MAHS have been accepted by colleges or schools for vocational training. (6/17/66)
- David Van Gosen, instructor of biology at MAHS, has been named coordinator of the summer school program beginning June 27. Courses will be offered in mathematics, reading, art and P.E. No credit will be given but students will have an opportunity to work in areas they are below the average level of their class. Some opportunities for enrichment will be offered. In addition to Mr. Van Gosen, the faculty will consist of Mrs. Mary Ann Ford, Fred Baker, Robert Reck and Roy True and a qualified art teacher. (6/17/66)
- Two hundred forty-nine students have enrolled in the summer school program at Mount Airy Elementary. The in-school program will include students in grades 1-6 in Mount Airy and Winfield as well as parochial and private schools in the area. Teaching these students will be: Mrs. Ann Greene, Mrs. Kathleen Haight, Mrs. Miriam Beck, James Angelo, William Matkinson, Robert Burger, Mrs. Betty Dotson, Mrs. Lucille Berry and Mrs. Jean Haught. Teaching in the pre-school program will be: Mrs. Peggy Strine, Mrs. June Frink, Mrs. Marion Ford and Mrs. Leona Pickett in addition to Mr. Harry Lambert, assistant principal, director. Assistants will include: Janice Mercer, Diane Hare, Melinda Carr, Linda Berry, Pat Stegman and Barbara Wantz. The program will be funded by Title I of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. (6/24/66)
- Three students from the area will attend Girls State at Hood College beginning June 19. Gold Star Unit 101 will sponsor Marijean Kaetzel from MAHS, Libertytown-Unionville Lions will sponsor Ann Wimmer from Linganore High School and the Winfield-Taylorsville Lions will sponsor Barbara Schuble from MAHS. (6/24/66)



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