



MUSEUM MEMOS

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The President's Pen

Mike Eacho

All of us here at the Historical Society hope that you are all doing well. We are sorry that we felt it necessary to postpone our annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. Our newly selected Hall of Fame members, Phil Dorsey, Sandy Cullison deWitt Dutterer, Evaleen Moxley Leon, Ruth Schmidt and Larry Valett, certainly deserve the public recognition this occasion provides them. We all hope the current national emergency will soon be over and we can all return to our normal daily routines. Then, we will reschedule the event so that we can all get together safely and celebrate these individuals who have helped to make Mount Airy one of the best places in the world in which to live.

Once this emergency has passed, we hope you all will visit the Mount Airy Museum to view the new exhibits we are working on during this period of "social distancing."

Please keep the people from the Pleasant View Nursing Home, their families and all the people of the Mount Airy area in your prayers. May we all get through this health emergency healthy and safely.

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 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.

Donnie & Linda Brightwell
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 Harry & Lucinda Wolfe

We would also like to thank the following people who supported the Historical Society by subscribing as Patrons in this year's Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony Program.

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NOTICE:

Mount Airy Museum Closed

The Mount Airy Museum is temporarily closed until the Governor of Maryland announces that the current health emergency in the state has ended. We all hope that this will be soon as we miss sharing the history of Mount Airy with our neighbors and visitors.

E-mail us at: mountairyhistoricalsociety@earthlink.net

Editor's Note: From August through October of 1965, The Community Reporter dedicated a lot of space to C&P Telephone's conversion from manually operated phone switchboards to the new dial-tone phone service. The following article is from The Community Reporter, Friday, August 27, 1965.

Dial Conversion in Mount Airy to Take Place on September 26



Mrs. Carl M. Van Poole watches as E. K. Blumenauer, Jr., installs a new dial wall telephone in her kitchen. Fifteen hundred homes and businesses with over two thousand telephones will be visited prior to conversion on September 26.

Little more than a month remains before Mt. Airy telephone subscribers will be greeted by a buzzing dial tone instead of the familiar "number please."

The conversion of some two thousand telephones is scheduled to take place September 26, at 12:05 a. m. This will culminate a job which began in the planning stage nearly two years ago and cost nearly a million dollars.

Construction of the new dial building on South Main street was started in September, 1964. It was completed in April this year and the Western Electric Company Installers began installing the new equipment immediately. The installation nearly completed and C. & P. Testmen will shortly begin acceptance tests.

More than fifteen hundred customers with over two thousand telephones are affected by the change. Each telephone will be visited, routined and converted for dial operation before conversion date. This job is now about 80 percent complete.

Altogether sixty-two men, have participated in the various phases of the conversion. This includes Western Electric Installers, Linemen, Cable Splicers, Installers, Testmen, Central Office Repairmen and Supervisors. Some of the installers were borrowed from other areas, a few coming as far as Salisbury on the Eastern Shore.



Preparing for the dial conversion, Kelsey Day, Jr., (left) and George Brown, C.&P. Cable Splicers and Mount Airy residents, are shown splicing a new cable at Ridgeville.

The conversion was planned so as to coincide with the delivery of the new telephone directory which begins on September 17. The new numbers will appear in the directory, however, they cannot be used until September 26. Until that date, please continue to use the numbers listed in the 1964 directory.

Since many changes in calling habits must necessarily be made when changing from operator to dial operation, all users are urged to carefully study the information pages in the directory before using the telephone on or after September 26. For instance, it will be necessary to dial the complete listed number. Also, each subscriber will receive a letter and an instruction booklet prior to dial conversion. This material, if reviewed carefully, will ensure trouble free dialing.

Wanted

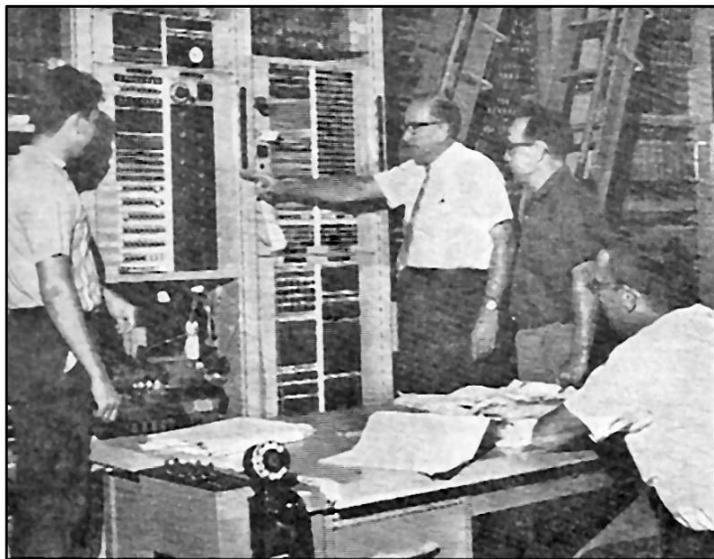
Old photographs and memorabilia of the people, places and events of Mount Airy, Maryland. Bring our town's history to those who didn't make it!

Editors Note: These photos appeared in the Community Reporter on Friday, September 3, 1965. Lee Fogle included in the first photo, was a longtime member of the Historical Society.

Getting Ready for Dial Service



Lee Fogle, (left) C.&P. Installer, shows Mrs. Donald Grigsby her new telephone number before placing it on her telephone as Preston Best, Service Foreman, looks on. Mr. Fogle is a Mount Airy resident. Conversion to dial service will occur here on September 26. Photo by Delaine Hobbs



R. D. Palmer (left), Western Electric Installer, and Dorsey Baumgardner, (right), C.&P. Testman, watch as Henry Yeatman, Western Electric Foreman, demonstrates the testing panel in the new dial office. Seated is Davison Campbell, Central Office Foreman. Photo by Delaine Hobbs

Editor's Note: The following article is from The Community Reporter, Friday, September 17, 1965.

Open House at Telephone Office September 20-21



Operating the switchboard in its final days - from left, Mrs. Shirley Dubel, Mrs. Thelma Straw, Mrs. Meri Lou Hessinger and standing, Mrs. Jean King, chief operator. Photo by Delaine Hobbs

Mrs. Aubrey G. King, chief operator for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Mt. Airy, has announced that she will hold an "open house" Monday and Tuesday, September 20 and 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. at the old telephone office on South Main street.

With the dial conversion scheduled September 26, the switchboards will soon be closed down. Mrs. King wishes to offer this final opportunity to the Mt. Airy subscribers to visit with the operators and take one last nostalgic look at an era almost completely past in Maryland.

Mrs. King said those attending would have an opportunity to see how calls are manually handled and would have an opportunity to ask questions concerning the conversion from manual to dial operation.



Editor's Note: The following article is from The Community Reporter, Friday, October 1, 1965.

Dial Telephone Service Becomes Reality Here



Carl V. Weakley, C&P manager, explains the evening program to town officials and guests. Among those attending were: Dr. Carl M. Van Poole, Mayor; Rev. R. B. Pegram, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Muradian, Mr. and Mrs. William S. McCracken, Ralph W. Williar, Paul E. Beall, Herman S. Beck, Jr., Leonard E. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dertzbaugh, Jr., Mrs. Ivan B. Colburn and Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Byers.

Last Saturday night, town and telephone company officials gathered at the new telephone building on South Main Street, Mount Airy, for a ceremony preceding the conversion from manual to dial service.

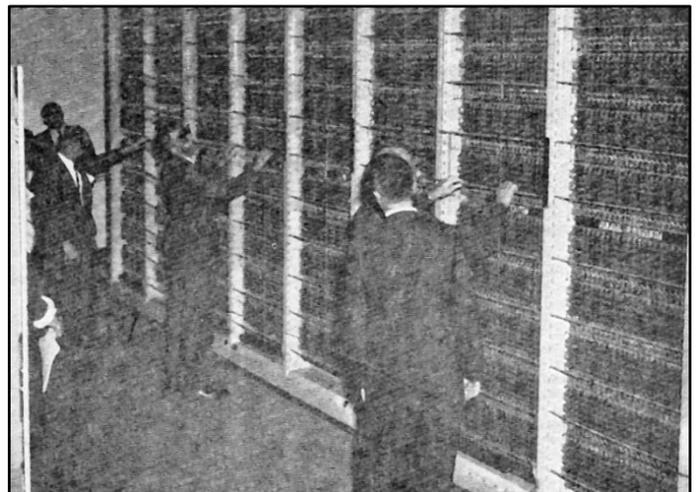
Carl V. Weakley, C. & P. Manager, greeted the guests and after the invocation offered by Rev. R. B. Pegram explained the program for the evening. R. B. Anderson, C. & P. Dial Coordinator, conducted a tour of the office.

Dr. Carl M. Van Poole, Mayor, immediately preceding the "Cut" dialed the first call to Miss Gladys M. Butler, Retired Chief Operator.



Dr. Carl Van Poole, Mayor, dials first call to Miss Gladys M. Butler, retired Chief Operator. Dr. Van Poole commended the telephone operators through Miss Butler, for many fine services rendered to the community over the years. Looking on is Paul E. Beall, Town Councilman and Carl V. Weakley, C.&P. Manager.

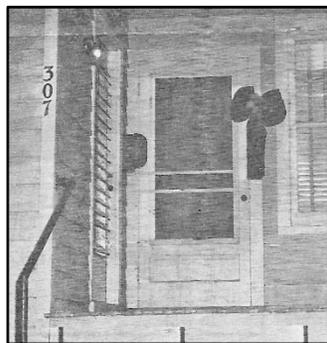
Mrs. Aubrey King, Chief Operator, was then given the signal to clear the switchboard of all calls at midnight. By 12:05 a. m., all calls were cleared and Mr. Anderson signaled for the removal of the blocking tools which placed the new dial office in service.



C&P testmen at the signal from Dave Campbell, Central Office Foreman, right, remove the blocking tools placing the new dial office in service.



Miss Gladys M. Butler, retired Chief Operator, receives first call from Dr. Van Poole, Mayor.



End of an era and an office. The black crepe hung by the operators at the door of the manual office signals the end of an era.

All the equipment, trucks and the fire emergency reporting system was checked out immediately and found to be trouble free. Even though the hour was late the equipment began to hum with calls from subscribers testing their new dial service.

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Crossing Elimination Progressing Rapidly Eighty Men Employed on Bridge Construction Work at the East End of Ridgeville.

Work on the \$125,000 grade crossing elimination project across the freight tracks of the B.&O. Railroad at the eastern end of Ridgeville is progressing rapidly and from all appearances will be entirely finished within the time allowed by the contract. From the plans and specifications, the bridge when completed will not only mean that a dangerous section of road has been eliminated, but will also, through its architectural design, change an uninteresting stretch of highway into one with some scenic advantages.

The Forbes-Murphy Construction Co. of Baltimore, who was awarded the contract, specialize in this type of bridge work, and have constructed a number of similar overhead crossings at various points throughout the State.

This particular type of crossing is what is known technically as a reinforced concrete through bridge, with plate girder truss. The actual span will be nearly eighty feet long, with the grades at either approach not exceeding one half of one percent, while the bridge will have a clearance over the tracks of about 30 feet. The bridge and approaches do away with the curve extending between the two hills on either side of the existing crossing and is being built on land purchased from Judge Murray and the B.&O. Railroad.

One hundred and thirty-five working days have been allowed for the completion of the job, and as the work was started May 6, by the middle of October everything should be in readiness to re-route traffic over the new overhead crossing. Almost 80 men are employed on the project, all but about ten of whom represent local labor from this and nearby communities. The fact that unemployment exists to a large extent in practically every section, was proven when a small army of men, numbering about 300, applied for work Monday. A number of those applying for jobs came from nearby States.

Work of driving piles on which to place the foundation has been nearly completed and tons of earth are being trucked from a field directly east of Judge Murray's house to fill in the two approaches. The latest types of construction work equipment is being used by the Baltimore contractors.

Editor's Note: This article is from the Community Reporter from May 23, 1930. See photos on page 14.

Dial Telephone Service Becomes Reality Here (Continued from page 4)

The conversion, which began nearly two years ago, cost nearly one million dollars to complete. It also brought the era of manual telephone operation near the end in Maryland. With the conversion of Snow Hill and Berlin in December, all telephones in the state will be dial operated.

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Community Reporter on Friday, April 12, 1960.

Milk Selling Price Hiked to 12¢ Quart

Will the hike in the price of milk from 11 to 12¢ to the purchaser in Baltimore be reflected in the price received by local producers?

That is the question local dairymen this week were pondering.

Thomas K. Carnes, president of the Fairfield-Western Maryland Dairy, largest single distributor in Baltimore, said the increase was made necessary to avoid reducing the price paid to producers.

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Community Reporter on Friday, April 20, 1960.

Bake's Grocery Opens for Business Here

Earl Baker reports that business has been good during the past week when he opened the doors of his store, Bake's Grocery, in Ridgeville.

The shelves are stocked with the necessary every day items. Soft drinks and pastries are available, along with fresh produce and frozen foods plus many odd items one might put on the shopping list.

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Ad from the Community Reporter May 12, 1939

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 Phillip R. Dorsey, Sandy Cullison deWitt Dutterer, Evaleen V. Norwood Moxely Leon, Ruth A. Dorsey Schmidt and Lawrence "Larry" Valett. The 2020 class was to be officially inducted at the Historical Society of Mount Airy's annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner on Tuesday, March 17. However, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, this event has been postponed indefinitely. It is hoped that these deserving individuals will be recognized for their unselfish service some time in the early Fall.

This group of inductees expands the overall membership to 125.

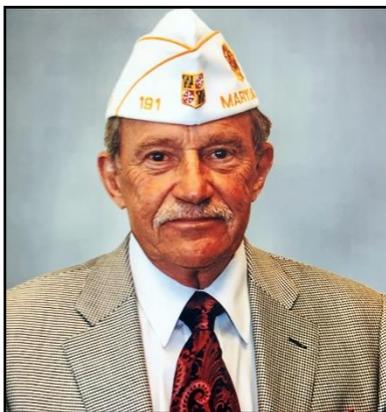
All of those nominated for this honor, and there were many this year, were truly special, but only five could be selected. They all contributed to the Mount Airy community in a positive way. The accomplishments of the nominees are described in the following paragraphs.

Phillip R. Dorsey

February 8, 1942 -

Serving Veterans and Community

Phil was raised on a farm in Long Corner just outside Mt. Airy. After school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. While serving our country from 1961-1964, he spent 32 months in Germany with the 32nd Armor Division during the Berlin Crisis.



Following enlistment, Phil returned to Mt. Airy and worked for Montgomery County Government until retirement in 1989. Phil got involved early serving in various volunteer capacities in and around town. Phil is married to Darlene Dorsey and they have two children, Cliff and Holly and four grandchildren.

Phil was very active with the Mt. Airy VFW Post 10076 previously serving as Commander. During his service as Commander, he was recognized as outstanding Commander twice. Phil also received the Stan Hughes Award in 1988 as the VFW Post Adjutant of the Year. He went on to serve as the District 7

Commander and Chief of Staff for the Dept. of MD VFW. As Chief of Staff, he was awarded Outstanding Chief of Staff for starting five new Posts in MD.

Phil became a 32nd Degree Mason in 1988 and has continued as a member of the Philanthropic Lodge 168. Phil served as Chair of the Ethics Commission for the town and was also on the Mt. Airy Bicentennial Committee which planned and prepared for the town's 100 year celebration in 1994.

Phil joined the American Legion Post 191 in Mt. Airy in 1973. He has served through the local and district leadership chairs. He served as Post Commander 1993-1995 and District Commander 1999-2000. Members of Post 191 recognized his exemplary service and awarded him an Honorary Life Membership. He has continued his service with the American Legion in various capacities and is an Honorary Life Member in ANAVICUS. Phil presently serves as Vice Chairman for the National Marketing Commission.

Phil served on the Dept. of MD Heroes to Hometown/Wounded Warriors Fund and became Chairman in 2010. The most rewarding program, knowing grants were made totaling over \$300,000 for Veterans of current conflicts and their families in desperate need of financial aid. He cherishes the many letters from families calling him and his Committee angels and true heroes.

This past summer, Phil was installed as the Dept. of MD State Commander for the American Legion. The Dept. of MD is a community service organization with over 46,000 members and 134 American Legion Posts throughout the State. As State Commander, Phil travels around the State to the Posts working to mentor our youth, shape programs and policies, and increase membership, all in support of our veterans, service members, and families.

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Ad from the Community Reporter June 12, 1970

Lawrence “Larry” Valett
August 20, 1963 -
Community Volunteer

Larry Valett was born and raised in central California. He graduated from California State University, Fresno, with a degree in criminology and public administration.



In 1987, he began his career in Washington, D.C., where he served as a federal agent for 31 years specializing in international trade-finance fraud, money laundering, bank fraud, procurement fraud, bribery, public corruption and other types of complex financial crimes. Larry is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He served for many years as a Special Agent with the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service. In 2002 he became the Director of Financial Fraud for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General. In 2008 he created the new Office of Investigations for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Office of Inspector General, where he and his team conducted world-wide investigations focused on international trade-finance fraud and money laundering. In 2013, he was appointed as the head of investigations for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Inspector General, and served in that position until his retirement in 2017.

Larry married his wife, Sue, in 1988 and moved to Mount Airy in 1993 where they raised three wonderful children. Larry has been a model shipwright for over 30 years. He is an avid scuba diver, recreational sailor, and student of marine archeology and maritime history, and is a member of the Nautical Archeology Society. He is the President of the Washington Ship Model Society, and volunteers weekly as a model shipwright at the U.S. Naval Academy museum workshop in Annapolis, Maryland, where he helps to restore and preserve the world-renown model ship collection. Larry has participated, volunteered, and served in a variety of town projects and organizations over the years. He has been an active scout leader with both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 1191, and has been a volunteer and sponsor for several Mount Airy projects

to include MAC the caboose, rails-to-trails, and the Mount Airy Historical Society. Larry has been an active volunteer at the Mount Airy Museum where he has researched the town’s history with the B&O railroad, the historical fires of Mount Airy, and has put his creative skills to work with others in designing and building museum displays, including the historically accurate model railroad of old Mount Airy.

“I’m proud to call Mount Airy Home. Our town preserves much of the beauty and history that Maryland has to offer, and I am honored to help keep our community the living treasure that it is.”

Editor’s Note: The following article appeared in the Frederick News-Post on Monday, May 18, 2020 on page B-3, *Yesterday, Items from the files of the Frederick News-Post*. It is reprinted courtesy of the Frederick News-Post.

100 Years Ago
May 18, 1920

Mt. Airy Junction was “shot up” yesterday afternoon by Elmer J. Cook, prominent Baltimore county man, and his chauffeur. Seven school children on their way home from school were quietly walking along the road when they were suddenly stopped by the command: “Don’t you dare come another step or we will shoot you.” Three of the seven children retraced their steps screaming for help. Three were too frightened to move. But little Edith Tabler, displaying great courage, continued her homeward way and passed the two men. “Hurry up or you will be shot,” was shouted after the fleeing little girl. She obeyed after three shots had been fired after her. Cook was drunk.

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Ad from the June 12, 1970 Community Reporter

Support for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to express its sincere gratitude to the many businesses in our community that have supported the 2020 Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Without their generous sponsorship we will not be able to honor these deserving members of our community. We apologize for not having released the program as of yet. We hope that the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony for this year will be held in September. The program will then be given to guests during the event.

We ask all our members and readers 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
- Auxiliary to the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co.
- Blade Busters Lawn Cutting, Firewood, Snow Removal
- Blossom & Basket Boutique
- Browning Reagle Insurance Agency
- Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.
- Catonsville Homes
- 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)
- In memory of Harvey Woodrow Wilson Tabler – Doris Tabler Bujanowski
- Health Unlimited Family Fitness and Aquatic Center
- Jerry's Trophies, LLC
- J & J Trash Service
- Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy
- Marine Corps League – LCPL Robert W. Deane Detachment #770
- Mary Hushour, Realtor Long & Foster
- MacKenzie A. Kantruss, Attorney at Law
- Mount Airy Ace Hardware
- Mount Airy Lions Club
- Mount Airy Main Street Association (MAMSA)
- NWSB Bank, A Division of ACNB Bank
- New York J&P Pizza
- Paul Clay, Real Estate Consulting RE/MAX Realty Plus
- Rotary Club of Mount Airy

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- 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 – T. Michael VanSant, President
- Wagner Meats / Mt. Airy Locker Co.
- WRF & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

The Historical Society would like to extend a special thank you to the businesses, which have supported the Historical Society with its Hall of Fame Dinner Induction Ceremony since the very first year, 2000, 21 years ago. These businesses are:

- ❖ Burrier Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.
- ❖ Mount Airy Ace Hardware
- ❖ Mount Airy Lions Club
- ❖ New York J&P Pizza
- ❖ Wagner Meats / Mount Airy Locker Co.

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Ads from the Community Reporter April, 28, 1939

Please support our local businesses, especially during this time.

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn

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

- The Mt. Airy Kiwanis Club sponsored a Hobby Show for students in grades 1 thru 3. The winners were 1st – Carole Jenkins; 2nd, Tom Long; 3rd, Cindy Norwood; Honorable Mentions, David Jenkins, Frances Richards and Joe Morel. 4/3/70
- Barbara White was named Reserve Champion in the girls senior division of the Carroll County 4H Public Speaking Contest. 4/10/70
- Denise Warfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Warfield, was crowned Miss Bureau of Standards for 1970. 4/10/70
- Rehearsals are continuing for “The Curious Savage” presented by the Mt. Airy Players this spring. Dorothy Reed is directing the play and Mildred Dixon is the producer. Members of the cast are Barbara Harrison, John Steel, Debbie Dudderer, Bill Moore Jr., Janice Leatherwood, Leroy Brown, Erica Dods, Nellie Brown, Martha Manhollen and Harry Arnold. 4/10/70
- The Educational addition to the Calvary United Methodist Church in Mount Airy was dedicated on April 12. Superintendent Dr. Wm. Kenneth Lyons presided and many former pastors attended. Rev. DeWitt Dickey, pastor from 1951 – 1956 stated that the happiest six years of his life were spent in Mount Airy while he was pastor of Calvary Church. 4/17/70
- The general election for the Town of Mount Airy will be held on May 4th, 1970. Candidates for Mayor – Carl Smith. For Councilmen: Delaine Hobbs, Paul Beall, Lewis Dixon and Wm. Duvall. The following amendment will be voted on: Amendment to Section 206 of the Charter of the Town of Mount Airy entitled Salary (increasing compensation from five dollars to ten dollars for each regular and special meeting attended.) 4/17/70
- Members of the Mt. Airy Ki-Wives Club celebrated their 16th Anniversary. Mrs. Peggy Holweck was installed as the club’s president. 4/24/70
- Dennis L. Ahalt was named manager of the Maryland National Bank’s Mount Airy office. 4/24/70
- MH-2 James R. Thron Jr. just returned from a nine-month cruise off the coast of Vietnam aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Hancock. James is stationed at the Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego, California. 4/24/70
- At the final meeting of the year of the Mount Airy PTA, a Life Membership was presented to Chester Elder. Also honored were the following retiring teachers: Mrs. Marguerite Dawson, Mrs. Eva Will, Mrs. Pearl Bellison and Dwight Walker . 5/1/70
- South Carroll High School established itself as a baseball power in the tri-state area. On April 22, it knocked off Frederick by a score of 7-2. Cavaliers connected on 11 hits and Dany Ennis and Bob Franklin combined to limit Frederick to 2 runs. But Mike Harshman, sophomore, was the star collecting 2 triples and driving in a run in addition to scoring 2 himself. 5/1/70
- The South Carroll High School Band placed 4th in the Grand Feature Parade at the 43rd Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Va. 5/8/70
- The 35th annual Mother & Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Calvary United Methodist Church was held at the Fireman’s Activity Building 5/15/70

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Donald VanSant was installed as president of the South Carroll High School PTSA. 5/22/70
- South Carroll's Junior – Senior Prom was entitled "The Golden Age of Greece". The prom queen was Barbara White and Arlene Ayers was the junior princess. 5/22/70
- The Mt. Airy Lions Club and Ki-Wives Club treated the first grade class of Miss Darlene Schildt at Mount Airy Elementary School to a trip to the Enchanted Forest. 23 children and parents enjoyed the rides and lunch there. 5/22/70
- Miss Chris Sheets, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets, became the bride of Daryl Winkler, also of Mount Airy. Terry Rable, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Winford Winkler, brother of the groom, was best man. 5/22/70
- The Mount Airy Little League Baseball season officially opened with a parade along Park Avenue featuring 120 little leaguers. The Sparklers Majorette group of 60 led the parade and the first ball was thrown out by Mayor Carl Smith. 5/22/70
- It was announced that in September, 1970, there will be a mandatory kindergarten program implemented in Mount Airy as part of the public school system. 5/22/70
- John H. Dertzbaugh received the General William G. Price Medal as the outstanding sergeant in the 1000 member corps of cadets at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, PA. 5/22/70
- Diplomas were awarded to 250 students at South Carroll High School. The welcome was given by Chester Elder, Principal, and Andrew W. Mason. Mr. Mason is the Regional Coordinator of Division Instruction, Md. State Dept. of Education. 6/5/70
- Cadet Norman V. Etzler II, son of Col. (U.S.A. Ret.) and Mrs. Charles R. Etzler, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Cadet Etzler received a Bachelor of Science Degree and his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army. He was a 1966 graduate of Mount Airy High School. 6/5/70
- College students getting degrees from the University of Maryland include Wilt Cunningham, son of Mr. Mrs. Ralph Cunningham, receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and Judy Windsor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Windsor, receiving her A.B. (Bachelor of Arts) Degree. Ronald Clower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clower, will graduate from Virginia Tech in Agriculture Engineering. Ronald R. Runkles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Runkles, will also graduate Virginia Tech with a degree in Physics. 6/5/70
- Miss Regina Warfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warfield of Woodbine, became the bride of Timothy L. Rigler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rigler. 6/5/70
- The Pinewood Derby was held at Mount Airy Middle School. The boys winning trophies were Louis Cullen 3rd, Billy Miller, Joel Perry, Bradley VanGosen, Mike Asheford and C. Larue. 6/5/70
- Members of the Four County Jaycees constructed a new dugout on the first base side of the Little League field. 6/5/70
- Modernized house for rent in Mount Airy "in unusually beautiful setting on large farm. Has five bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, pond, barn and stream and hunting privileges." \$250 a month rent. 6/12/70
- William E. Frederickson received the Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne. 6/12/70
- The proposed budget for the town, adopted at the meeting on June 8th amounts to \$105,800.00. 6/12/70
- Several students from Mount Airy were among those listed to participate in Boys and Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Those students were Jeffrey Derr, Robert Watkins, Thomas Boller, Robert and Ronald Shaw. 6/12/70

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Ann Marie Buckley was the first girl to graduate from the Industrial Arts Education Program at the University of Maryland. 6/19/70
- Ann S. Pickett and Evelyn E. Pickett were named to the honors list at Shepherd College. 6/19/70
- Ronald L. Beck was an Army ROTC graduate at Virginia Tech. 6/19/70
- Midnight Cowboy with Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight was playing at the Druid Theatre in Damascus. Coming next — ‘True Grit’. 6/19/70
- “The Dodge Boys” at Jones Motors, Inc. advertise a Dodge Polara Special at \$3065.00 or a Chevrolet Impala at \$3132.00 6/19/70
- Newspaper ad for Watkins 5 and 10¢ Store: “Everything for Father’s Day” Men’s shirts, ties, belts, pants, slacks, shoes, socks, wallets, watches and “complete line of Fruit of the Loom underwear and t-shirts and men’s caps and hats from 39¢ to \$2.98. 6/19/70
- Mount Airy High School Class of 1920 held its 50 year reunion at the home of Robert McKinney in Westminster. 12 members of the original class of 15 attended. 6/26/70



Congratulations to the Class of 2020

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Construction of the "Steel Bridge" June 13, 1930
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