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2021 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony

The Historical Society of Mount Airy regrets to announce that the 2021 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony has been cancelled due to the continued COVID pandemic. Congratulations once again 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. We are truly sorry that the honors due to you have been delayed for so long because of the COVID pandemic. The Historical Society plans to extend these honors to you in March of 2022 when, God willing, the pandemic will be over.

NOTICE

The monthly meetings of the Historical Society of Mount Airy, MD., normally held on the first Tuesday of each month, have been cancelled until further notice. We hope to resume our meetings later this year after the majority of the people in the area have been vaccinated against COVID. We regret having to take this measure, but for the safety of everyone in and around Mount Airy, we believe it is the right thing to do. We are planning interesting programs for our meetings later this year. We hope you will join us when our meetings resume. Please watch our Facebook page for announcements.

Thank You for Your Support

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following businesses and individuals who have made donations to the Historical Society. These donations are especially appreciated this year since our major fundraising efforts have been cancelled due to COVID. They will 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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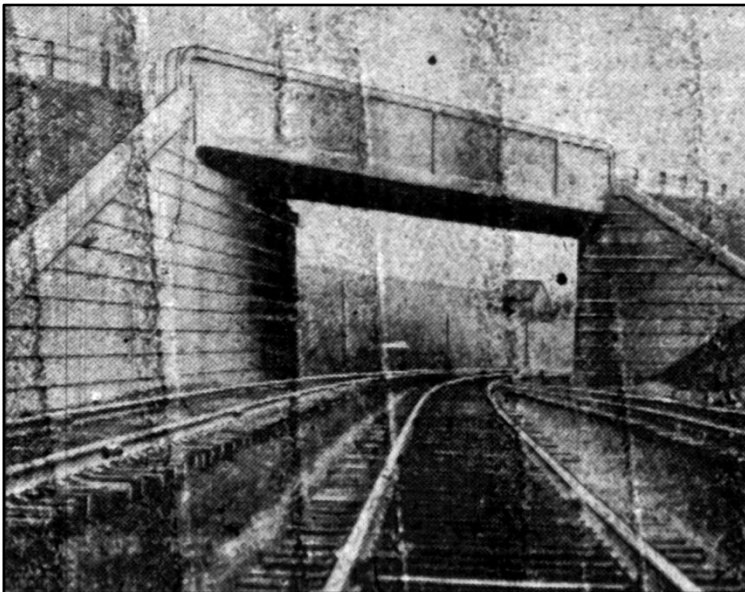
Ridgeville Overpass Now Completed and Opened for Traffic

Total Cost of \$166,000 Will Be Borne Jointly by State and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

Project Entirely Finished in About 135 Working Days

Eliminates a Hazardous Crossing on the Double Tracked Main Freight Line.

Finishing touches on the Ridgeville grade crossing project here has been thrown open to traffic. Steel guard cables have been erected along the approach to the overpass and the completed project is but another step being made by the State Roads Commission to give Maryland motorists the finest, safest, highways in the country.



Completed Ridgeville Overpass

Erected at a total cost of \$166,000 which is divided on a 50-50 basis between the State and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the steel girder type structure, encased with concrete and having earth approaches require 135 working days to complete. Forbes-Murphy Construction Company, Baltimore, were the general contractors in charge of the project. The overpass was built to the rigid specifications of the State Roads Commission, spans two railroad tracks and has a clearance of 22 feet above the rails. Twenty-seven foot wide clear concrete approached lead to the bridge and the length of relocation is 2200 feet.

More than 50,000 cubic yards of earth were removed from the adjoining property of Clarence M. Murray to

fill in the highway approaches. All steel construction work was done by B&O workman. Approaches to the bridge have a grade of less than one-half of one percent. The overpass eliminated an extremely hazardous grade crossing on the freight cut-off on the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio from Point of Rocks to Baltimore. Beginning of the approach at either end is also located so that the curves are eliminated making a fairly straight stretch of highway from atop Parrsville hill to a point several hundred yards beyond the eastern end of the project.

When operations were at the peak, approximately 80 men were given employment, all local labor, possible being used. Completion of the Ridgeville project marks the finish of nine of 15 similar projects on the schedule of the State Roads Commission. The Gaithersburg project is going forward rapidly and 20 other crossings are slated for early elimination.

Editor's Note: The previous story appeared in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, December 5, 1930. It describes the "steel bridge", which crossed the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's tracks just below Parrsville. The steel bridge is now gone, removed when the U. S. 40 expressway (now Interstate 70) was constructed, but the bridge abutments and western approach remains at the eastern end of Parrsville Road.

Discover the History of Mount Airy!

Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

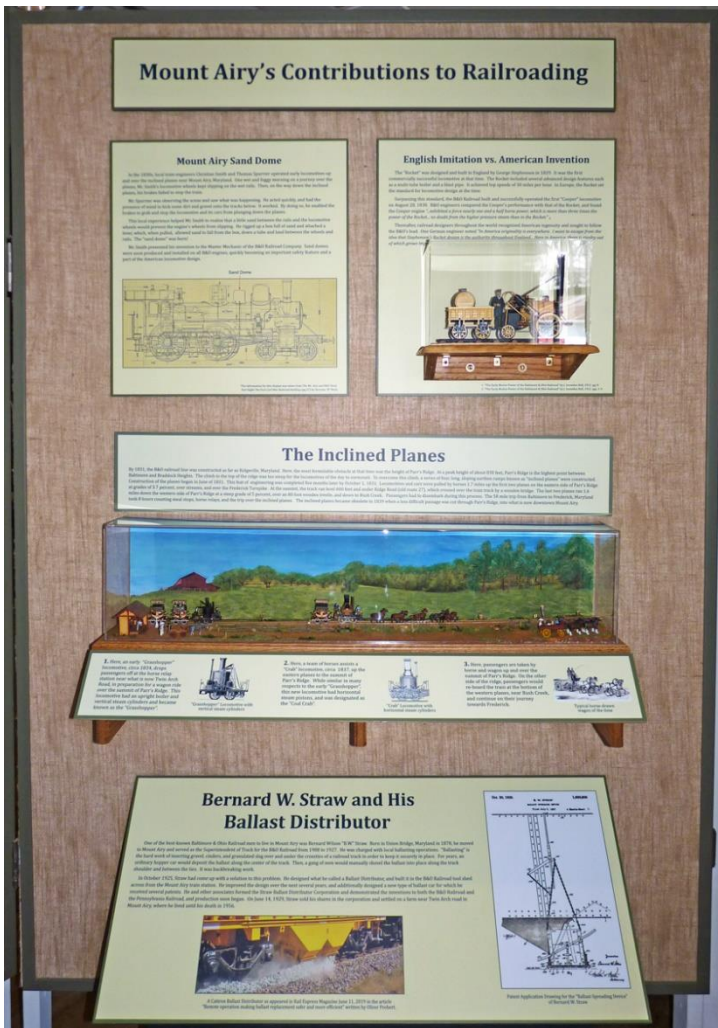
See our operating train display that models the railyard once located on North Main Street. Other exhibits describe the businesses that served our community, the B&O Railroad and the children's hospital once located here.

Open Saturdays and Sundays 12 noon until 4 p.m.



Mount Airy's Contributions to Railroading

Did you know that residents of Mount Airy were responsible for several of the major railroading innovations? Some of these innovations are still in use here in America and elsewhere in the world. Discover these technological break-throughs in the Mount Airy Museum's latest exhibit: "Mount Airy's Contributions to Railroading." This exhibit, created by members Larry Valet and Wayne Evans, is now complete and open for viewing. It includes a panoramic view of a portion of the Planes of Parrs Ridge, a model of one of the original steam locomotives and drawings of original railroad inventions.



Mount Airy's Contributions to Railroading

Exhibits in the works:

- The Fires of Mount Airy
- The Mount Airy Players
- The Civil War in Mount Airy

Membership Renewal and Annual Appeal

For annual members, it is time to renew your membership in the Historical Society. We value your membership and hope you will take this opportunity to continue your support.

The Mission of the Historical Society is to foster interest in the Town History and its various landmarks. The Historical Society also operates the Mount Airy Museum, which is used to share the town's history -- the artifacts, photographs and information in our collection. Normally the costs of fulfilling our mission, preserving our collection of artifacts, and preparing exhibits for the museum are paid by annual fundraisers such as the Boxes and Bags Bingo. In 2020 and now in 2021, we have had to cancel these fundraisers due to COVID. Therefore, we are appealing for your donation along with renewing your membership. Your active involvement and support through our Membership Drive and Appeal Campaign will help ensure that we can reach our goal of providing a better Mount Airy history interpretation and education for our community. A greatly appreciated donation may be sent to Mount Airy Historical Society, P. O. Box 244, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

The Historical Society would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all our members who have volunteered in any capacity, especially those who have kept the museum open for our visitors.

Once again, we are asking all of our members for your suggestions, ideas and comments for new museum exhibits and additional programs and projects. Any ideas you have, please write on the membership form. As always, we need volunteer hosts and hostesses to open the Museum and volunteers for other ongoing activities of the Historical Society. Please consider helping us and be sure to indicate your area of interest by checking the appropriate box.

When safe again to do so, we will recommence our monthly Historical Society meetings in the lower level of the Mount Airy Fire Company at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of every month except June, July and August. We hope you all will come join us.

Contact us with your ideas, suggestions and comments at: mountairyhistoricalsociety@earthlink.net

Editor's Note: The following story is from the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, February 14, 1941.

Local Canning Co.

Plant Sale Totals

Upwards of \$40,000

Raymond G. Brown, Local Huckster, Acquires Real Estate and Buildings for \$12,000.

“Fair Notice!”

“Final Notice!”

“I have \$12,100 once!”

“I have \$12,100 twice!”

“I have \$12,100 the third and last time and she is sold to this gentleman on my left!”

So chanted A. J. Billig, president of A. J. Billig & Co., Baltimore auctioning firm, last Monday, as he sold the buildings and real estate owned by the defunct Mt. Airy Canning Company to the high bidder, Raymond G. Brown, local huckster. Mr. Brown did not disclose what he proposed to do with the plant, formerly Mt. Airy's largest single industry.

Sale of the Mt. Airy Camming Company plant here – lock, stock and barrel—was begun at the premises shortly after 10 a.m. last Monday morning. A crowd of several hundred persons were on hand to witness the burial of the concern which in the past contributed immensely to Mt. Airy's economic well-being.

Bidders represented packing concerns from the eastern shore of Maryland, Baltimore City, Frederick and Carroll counties.

Total Approximates \$40,000

Sale of the local plant, together with all equipment, machinery, trappings, tools, labels, canned goods, trademarks, and a thousand and one items, brought a total figure approximating \$40,000. That, it was suggested by a person close to management when the concern was operated, by the late Senator Nelson H. Fooks, was some \$170,000 less than the original cost price of \$210,000.

At the outset, the auctioneer from his position of vantage in a chair, outlined the manner in which the property would be sold. First, he explained, the plant would be offered in an entirety and the bid reserved

until other methods of sale, looking to realizing the most dollars, were invoked.

A representative of Boston Iron & Metal Works, industrial colossus of Baltimore, put the high bid of \$26,000 on the place when it was offered in an entire unit. Then the crier unsuccessfully asked for bids for the machinery as a whole. His efforts to obtain a bid on real estate and buildings alone, likewise were fruitless.

Sell Equipment Piecemeal

For several hours thereafter Mr. Billig proceeded from building to boiler room and warehouse to garage, offering everything from soup to nuts in no less than 300 lots. For three hours he knocked off kidney beans, bright lithographed labels, generators powerful enough to light the entire town of Easton—everything, in fact, which the late Senator Nelson Fooks had acquired in some 20 years in building up what the auctioneer described as the most completely equipped canning plant in the United States.

More than a ton of labels which cost the purchasers upwards of \$2,000 went for a quarter of that figure. A conveying system nearly new, installed a couple of years ago at a figure said to have exceeded \$5,000, went for something like \$500. A huge water tank, towering high over the buildings, was knocked down for \$43.00.

Viner Station Goes For \$510.

A filler, recently rebuilt and in which the owners had more than \$1,500 invested, brought less than a third of the cost price. The viner station at Cooksville, erected some years ago to accommodate growers in central Howard county, was purchased by Thomas & Co., Frederick canners, for \$510.

For several hours the auctioneer patiently asked for bids—and accepted figures which were ridiculously low when compared with the original cost price.

300 Lots Offered

Three hundred odd lots of merchandise—seed peas, boilers, a lot of coal, canned corn on the cob—were finally disposed of at a figure reputed to have totaled approximately \$25,000.

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Local Canning Co. Plant Sale Totals

Upwards of \$40,000

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The auctioneer, his several aides and buyers and onlookers then returned to the office where the plant was again offered as an entire unit, exclusive of the personal property and equipment. The second attempt brought results and the place was knocked off to the highest bidder, Raymond G. Brown.

A lot of ground on Hill Street, improved with a dwelling and office building, tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. William Merrick, was purchased by L. Pearce Bowlus for \$2,000. Bowlus also acquired another small tract of ground in the rear of Hill Street, his bid of \$20 being high.

Large Interests Represented

Included among the bidders were men who represented large Baltimore interests. There was the president and owner of White Coffee Pot, eating house chain; the president of Southern Packing Company whose purchases represented a tidy sum; the Lineboro Canning Company had representation as well as Feeser interests in Carroll county. The house of Phillips, Easton Shore packers, was also represented.

Disappointing, however, was the absence of a buyer who appeared inclined to buy and operate the property as a cannery.

The sale was conducted by Burton Proctor, Jr., in the capacity of Trustee of the Mt. Airy Canning Company, bankrupt. Steps toward winding up affairs of the town's largest single industry were taken last October when the corporation was adjudicated bankrupt in the United States District Court in Baltimore.

Garrett County

Property Sold for \$16,000.

The Mountain Lake Park plant of the Mt. Airy Canning Company, on Tuesday was sold at public auction by Burton Proctor, Jr., Trustee in bankruptcy, to the Lambert Canning Company, Baltimore. The purchasers bid for the plant and equipment as an entirety was \$16,000. They plan, according to Mr. Proctor, to operate the plant as a cannery.

Support for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to sincerely thank the following businesses in supported the 2020 Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Please support them.

Mount Airy Hall of Fame Supporters

- 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
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- Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy
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- Mount Airy Main Street Association (MAMSA)
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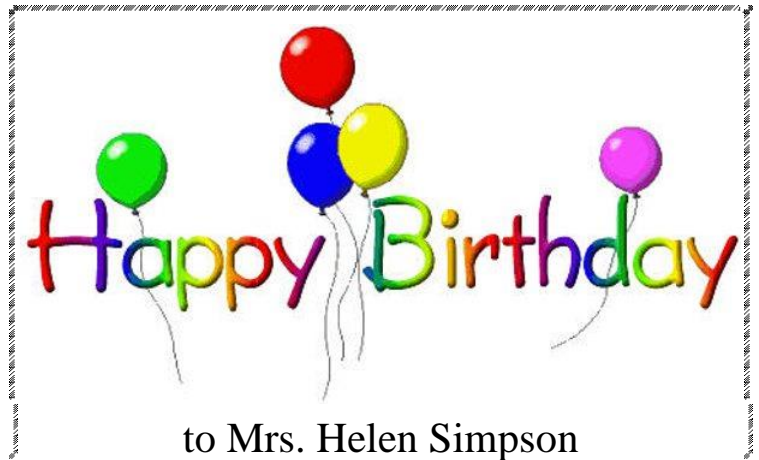
Our sincere thanks go out to Micro Systems Engineering for discounting the cost of the sound system and work preparing the interactive sound effects and audio messages used to describe the features and history of the Mount Airy Railyard exhibit.

Welcome New Members


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

Anton R. Runkles

Welcome also to new Life Member Althea Miller.



to Mrs. Helen Simpson
on her 104th birthday!



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Advertisements from the Community Reporter
February 14, 1941, 80 years ago

Advertisement from the Community Reporter
January 10, 1941, 80 years ago

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, 1971 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.

- Cub Scout Pack 734 awarded John Shank, son of Mt. and Mrs. Jack Shank, a Fox Minibike as a result of its drawing in fundraising for the pack in 1971. The pack is grateful to the community and especially Mrs. Henry Brown of Western Auto for providing the bike. 1/1/71
- Mt. Airy Ki-Wives hold yule party. The Mt. Airy Kiwanis Club were guests. President Peggy Holweck
- Turned the meeting over to Mrs. Pearl Bellison, Mistress of Ceremonies. A quartet of Rudy Watkins, Dave Manley, George Free and Dick Wilson entertained the group with Vic Barnes on piano. 1/1/71
- At the Druid Theatre this week – Airport – with Burt Lancaster and Dean Martin. Coming next: It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World. 1/1/71
- On December 20, 1899, the first complete county RFD – Rural Free Delivery service, in the United States was inaugurated by the Post Office Dept. in Carroll County. Carriers received \$250 per year and the number of pieces of mail delivered in 1897 was 6, 831. There were four wagons with horses supplied by a Westminster liveryman. 1/8/71
- Thomas Boller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boller, has been awarded a letter of commendation for his high performance on the National Merit Scholarship test. He scored in the upper two percent of 1971 high school graduates. 1/8/71
- Football stars for South Carroll, Joey Newcomer and Robert Shaw have been named to starting berths in the Tri-State Conference Honorary Squad. These titles are a credit to both the team and school as well as the individual honorees. 1/8/71
- A highlight of the evening of the Fireman's Banquet attended by 223 people on January 7th was the presentation by the Howard County Police to 2 local firemen for outstanding service. Awards were presented to Doug Alexander and William Wagner Jr. for saving the life of an accident victim along Woodbine Rd. The president of the Mt. Airy Lions Club, Jack Boone, also presented these boys with Fireman of the Year Awards. 1/15/71
- Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Weeler of Washington County sold their property on S. Main Street, Mt. Airy, to Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Martin. Older residents will recall Mr. and Mrs. Emory then lived at the premises from the time they acquired it from Richard G. Molesworth in 1915 until their deaths in the 1930s. 1/22/71
- Russ Dennis was named 'Top Salesman' in the Potomac Edison Company, Eastern Division, for the year 1970. 1/29/71
- Pupil enrollment in Carroll County reached 16, 572. The Board of Education approved medical and dental examinations for pupils. 1/29/71
- The Mt. Airy Library will be starting its first Story Hour from 10:30 – 11:30 twice a month with Mrs. Janet Devinney for children aged 4 – 7 years. 1/29/71
- Burglars strike business places in Mt. Airy. – On January 18th Grimes Brothers Garage was entered by 'culprits' looking for money. Prior to that, the safe at Mt. Airy Milling Co. was damaged. On Jan. 21st, Myers Drug Store was entered from the rear and the thieves stole all the Timex watches in the display case. Some watches valued at \$50 – total loss of around \$1,000.⁰⁰. The same night Mt. Airy Milling was again entered with some damage. 1/29/71
- Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Boone announce the engagement of their daughter, Juanita Kay Boone, to Joseph Swann, III. 2/5/71

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The announcement of the appointment of Travis Norwood to be postmaster at Mt. Airy is made “much to the delight of the citizens of Mt. Airy.” Mr. Norwood has been with the postal service since 1951. He is a graduate of Mt. Airy High School – was an employee of Smith and Wagner Grocery and worked for Mt. Airy Motors as a bookkeeper prior to entering postal service. 2/12/71
- Zeke Watkins, of the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes, has organized a “Bowling for Heart” Tournament for the benefit of the Carroll County Heart Fund Drive. Mrs. Lewis Dixon, regular bowler of the Wed. Nite League, asked Zeke if he would do a tournament. His response – “Really disappointed haven’t been asked before – it really is a good thing. Need special publicity? No, I’ll just get on the public address system here and tell ‘em all about it!” And that’s just what he’s been doing! Three carloads of volunteers from Mt. Airy toured C. C. General Hospital Cardiac Care Unit and will be going to work to meet the goal of \$15,000 for Heart in Carroll County. 2/12/71
- Gold Star Post 191, American Legion, recently contributed \$500 to Camp Westmar for underprivileged children. The “Countrymen” will be playing for the Oyster Roast on Feb. 21. 2/12/71
- The Dodge Boys at Jones Motors “figure you’d like a family car with sports car styling. Take a look at Charger – for \$2,707.⁰⁰. 2/12/71
- A citizen of Mt. Airy writes a letter to the Editor: “I was wondering why the Mayor and Town Council purchased a new four-wheel drive truck with dump body. It is also equipped with a snow plow and cinder spreader. I was under the impression it was to be used to remove ice and snow from the streets. Upon asking a Councilman why nothing had been done to correct the slippery conditions on Fri., Feb. 5th, I was told the town could not afford to buy salt or cinders and that using the snow plow was a waste of time. Instead of investing in a new truck, it seems the town should have kept to the old truck and invested in some salt and cinders!” 2/12/71
- Five Mt. Airy teenagers, 16 and 17, were found delinquent in juvenile court and ordered to pay \$1,000 for plate glass windows shot out with a BB gun at Western Auto, Clyde Gue antiques, Tops Market, Hipsley & Albright and Morley Harrison’s Store as well as 2 windows on Gillis Falls Road. The boys were put on probation and their drivers licenses were suspended. 2/12/71
- Scout Troop 460 held its annual banquet in commemoration of the 61st birthday of Boy Scouts of America. About 100 people including scouts, parents and families attended. 2/19/71
- Sgt. Linda L. Huff left the U.S. for a 2-year tour in Japan. She enlisted in the Air Force in 1969 after graduating from South Carroll High School in 1968. 2/26/71
- Morgan Chapel is preparing for its Centennial Year. One of the uniforms of the 1911 Chapel Band, donated by the wife of one of the band members, Mrs. Pearl Gosnell, is on display at Carroll County Farm Museum. 2/26/71
- Postage rate increases are planned (*sound familiar*) for May 13. – postage stamps will increase to 8¢. 2/26/71
- Two boys contributing bringing South Carroll High School to one of the top wrestling squads this year are Larry Frederickson, a junior, and Charlie Conaway, a senior. 2/26/71
- Funeral services for Isadore Wilkins, 75, were held Feb. 5th at Sylvan Lewis Funeral Home. He has been in poor health for 7 years following a stroke. For many years Mr. Wilkins owned and operated a clothing store in Mt. Airy. The building has since been occupied by offices, a restaurant and second floor apartments. He was one of the original founders of Universal Building and Loan Assoc. serving as a director for 20 years. He was born in Russia and came to Baltimore with his parents when he was 11 years old. 2/26/71
- Carroll County teachers ratify new agreement. Salary has been set at \$7,040 for 1971–1972 and \$7,500 for 1972–1973. In addition, fringe benefits have been agreed upon. 3/5/71

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albert Hobbs IV announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Ross to William Joseph Blackert of near Mount Airy in Howard County at St. Michaels Church on February 20. 3/5/71
- Jay Newcomer, senior at South Carroll High School, has been awarded a full 4-year football scholarship to Virginia Military Institute. 3/5/71
- Carroll County population is listed as 69,006 by the Census Bureau. The 1970 population was classified as 10.4% urban and 89.6% rural. The median value of owner-occupied homes in Carroll County was \$18,900, compared with \$11,100 in 1960. The median rent paid by tenants in 1979 was \$75.⁰⁰ a month compared with \$61.⁰⁰ in 1960. 3/5/71
- Local Girl Scouts mark the 59th birthday of Girl Scouts USA with a banquet at the Fireman's Activity Building. 3/12/71
- South Carroll High School Concert and Symphonic Bands will present a Spring Concert on March 10th – Concert under direction of Glenn Patterson. The Symphonic Band will be participating in the District VIII Band Festival at Linganore High School and the Cavalier Marching Band in the Apple Blossom Parade in Winchester, Va. 3/12/71
- Students named as finalists from South Carroll High School by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, according to Chester G. Elder, school principal, are Michael Burdette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdette of Mt. Airy, and Dennis Johnson and Judy Lambert. 3/12/71
- Fifty members and guests attended the Mt. Airy Saddle Pals annual banquet. Officers for the coming year are Fred Constantine, president; Oliver Baker, vice president; Sue Constantine, secretary; and Ruth Mills, treasurer. Oliver Baker retired as president and Tammy Lohman as treasurer. 3/12/71
- At the Four County Jaycees Board Meeting the topic of drug abuse was addressed by State Trooper Larry Ireland. Drug education is being planned in the schools and the Jaycees remind you that "Drug Abuse is Everyone's Problem." 3/19/71
- Ray Molesworth Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Molesworth, was promoted to Captain at Fort Richardson Army Base in Anchorage, Alaska. Before Alaska, Captain Molesworth spent one year in Thailand. He is a 1964 graduate of Mt. Airy High School and a 1968 graduate of Virginia Tech. 3/19/71
- Mrs. Hood's kindergarten class made fresh bread and homemade butter to conclude their study about the bakery and farm animals. 44 children went to Smith's Bakery in Ladiesburg to watch mass production of bread. Upon leaving each visitor was given a loaf of bread. Their next trip will be to visit Ideal Dairy in Frederick, then return to Mt. Airy to tour Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kraft's farm. 3/19/71
- Peoples Lumber and Supply has been named a Participating Dealer in the nationwide "America's in a Fix-Up-Mood" campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to promote the benefits of home improvement and remodeling, "Community by Community, across the Country." 3/19/71
- The Mt. Airy Players have been rehearsing for their presentation of "Exit the Body", which will be presented April 3. The story is about a woman mystery writer who rents a house in a small New England town to relax and work and which turns out to be the rendezvous point for stolen jewels. Barbara Harrison, Joseph Richards, Martha Manhollan, Carolyn Davis, Dorothy Reed, John Steel, Ellis Leatherwood, Harry Arnold and Lewis Dixon star. 3/26/71
- Cadet Captain John H. Dertzbaugh has received the highest honor given by Valley Forge Military Academy Junior College in Wayne, Pa. The award, membership in the Order Anthony Wayne was conferred at ceremonies on Mar. 14. Membership is given for service "above and beyond the call of duty." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Dertzbaugh. 3/26/71



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