



MUSEUM MEMOS

Mt. Airy Museum Newsletter



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The Mount Airy Museum is Open

The Mount Airy Museum is open again to the public. Volunteers from the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland are opening the museum once again on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon until 4 p.m. We will also be open for many of the town's special events. For the time being, we must limit the number of visitors to 12 at a time and we must ask all our visitors to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

Please visit and enjoy our newest exhibit, "the Mount Airy High School". This interactive exhibit allows users to view the class photos of every graduate of Mount Airy High School. The exhibit features a search engine that allows users to enter the name of a graduate or the student's graduation year and the class photo or photos are displayed.

We are also working on a new exhibit which will feature railroad innovations created by residents of the Mount Airy area. The exhibit includes a diorama of the Plane of Parr's Ridge.

Work continues on the Mount Airy Railyard model. Larry Valett continues to add new features and Lisa Carnes is nearing completion of a detailed backdrop painting that will show the town north of the railroad tracks. If you haven't seen this exhibit lately, you have missed a lot. Many thanks to Larry and all the people who assisted him in completing this huge project including:

- Lisa Carnes- Mural
- Mike O'Brien- Cabinet woodwork
- Brian Hushour- Electronics
- Tom, Beth and Josh May - Audio
- Brion Boyles- Train detailing
- Larry Valett- Model design

NOTICE

The monthly meetings of the Historical Society of Mount Airy, MD., normally held on the first Tuesday of each month have been cancelled for the rest of 2020. We hope to resume our meetings in January or February of 2021. We are planning interesting programs for our meetings in the winter and spring of the new 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 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.

Ken and Judy Phebus
Pat Rockinberg

Welcome New Members

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

- Diane and Drew Jones

Drew has graciously offered to assist us with and begun work on the update of the Historical Society's website.

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Mt. Airy News on Labor Day (Monday, September 4), 1989. The present tense from the original article is retained.

The Grand Old Dames of Mount Airy

Rose Dotson

By Herman "B" Beck

Rose Dotson, 97, has lived in Mount Airy since 1912. Recently, due to a fall, she has been a resident of Frederick Health Care Center. As one of the oldest residents there, she has assumed the role of hostess and told each of the new arrivals "this is home."

Rose is one of the oldest known residents of Mount Airy, and made her home on Plainview Avenue. Nestled in the woods near the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks, she and her second husband Louis raised a garden, and watched over neighborhood children who played there. Louis worked for the Peoples Lumber and Supply Co. for many years after returning from service in World War I. He made cinder blocks in the yard that is now the parking lot for the Farmer's and Mechanics National Bank.

Dotson was born on a farm in Howard County. Her mother had been a slave and, although she was freed her lifestyle never changed. Dotson helped her mother raise all 12 of her younger siblings. The youngest, Julia, she brought up as though she were her own.



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Rose Dotson at age 97, she is the oldest know resident of Mount Airy. She is currently a patient at Frederick Health Care Center.

Although she was free, Rose grew up as though she was still a slave. She worked in the kitchen of the woman to whom her mother had given her. This woman had three daughters of her own, and the middle one did not like Rose and often abused her.

Finally, as a teenager, she decided she had been a slave long enough and visited the Robert Garrett Sanatorium in Mount Airy. There, in the cookhouse, she met Emma Boston. Boston, who was in charge, took her in and was like a mother to Dotson. She put her to work in the sanatorium (for poor children) where she stayed until 1919.

Dotson's first husband, whom she loved very dearly, died within a year of consumption. She vowed never to marry again but then she met Louis, who vowed "I'm going to get that girl." She told him that he would never get her, but he did. They were married in 1919.

Rose then left the Sanatorium, and became a nanny for Mrs. Asa Watkins. Watkins had two children at the time, and later her youngest daughter Jessie was born (1921) and Rose looked after all three. About this time, her half-sister Julia (whom she had raised) came to live with her and she worked for the Watson family.

Her husband Louis bought the lot on Plainview Avenue from Watkins and built the house himself. It was not until the 1950s that the other houses were built on Plainview Avenue (my own being one of them). Although our houses were several hundred feet apart, we were neighbors. In 1958, as neighbors, we worked together with others on the street to dig out of a three-foot snowfall which was much too great for the town snow removal equipment of the time.

Thinking back to the way her mother lived and the way she lived until 1912, Rose said "Now I think it's as God wanted it. He stepped in and changed things. He changed the world... now we are all living together as one family."

Editor's Note: Mrs. Rose Dotson died May 30, 1996. She was inducted into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame in 2000. She is remembered in the Robert Garrett Sanatorium Exhibit in the Mount Airy Museum.

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All of us at the Historical Society of Mount Airy wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and Hannukah.

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Olive Mount

By Cathie Deadrick

Miss Olive Mount was born, in the house where she now resides, 94 years ago. Her father had the house built at a time when a full day's work baling straw yielded a paycheck of only 75¢.



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Olive Mount in her life-long
Mount Airy home.

Mount's house, at the corner of Hill Street and Plainview Avenue in Mount Airy, is just as neat and orderly as the lady herself.

Mount was born on March 9, 1895. She was one of three children. There was an older brother, Robert Irvin, who lived to be 86, and a younger brother, William, who lived to be 83. Mount took care of her mother in the house on Hill Street until her death at the age of 80.

Most attributes her longevity to good nutrition, genes and exercise. She says she tries to keep moving, not ever sitting in one place too long. She also mentioned that she is a "slow eater, and a small eater."

"Folks tell me that I've lived this long because of my attitude. I believe that your mind regulates your health and I look forward to each day," said Mount.

A graduate of the 1914 class of Mt. Airy High School, Mount was one of six members in her class. After high school, she went on to Teachers Training College or the State Normal School in Baltimore (now known as Towson State). For the first year in college, Mount lived at home and commuted each day by train. The second and final year, she lived in a dormitory on campus.

The first year she taught, Mount earned \$400 for the whole school year. This position was at a rural (one-room schoolhouse) in Frederick County. She then applied for a vacancy at Mt. Airy Elementary where she taught the third grade for 42 years. When she retired in 1959, at the age of 64, it was estimated that she had taught over 1,000 children in her time.

Mount says she has many pleasant memories of teaching. She described the time that a former student told her that they decided to become a teacher because of her influence. The student wanted to be "just like Miss Mount."

Mount says she has "thoroughly enjoyed retirement." She has kept very busy with her church, Calvary United Methodist, Main Street, Mt. Airy, where she is a life-long member. She is currently a member of the United Methodist Women and was in charge of the altar flowers for many years.

Mount still drives a car, her 1967 blue Ford Falcon. She does her own grocery shopping and even takes another woman with her who cannot drive. She has traveled and spent time visiting friends and relatives. In 1920, when women were first given the right to vote, Mount exercised this right and has voted in every election since.

A former student and longtime friend, Jean King, described Mount as "a lovely person" and "a fabulous lady." King, who had Mount for a third-grade teacher, says she still attributes her good handwriting to Mount's teaching. "Miss Mount could always hold your interest. She would read the best books to her class and her reading was always perfect, just like she is," said King.

Mount says she "enjoys her mode of living." She does not mind living alone. She enjoys cooking and watching the news and a few television shows such as "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune." She is a very friendly person who enjoys meeting new people. She is not saddened by the growth of Mount Airy, citing the positive aspects of more services and opportunities.

Mount does not fear death but rather would fear living a bad life. "I've been very fortunate in my life and for that I am very thankful," said Mount; one of Mt. Airy's living institutions.

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Editor's Note: Miss Olive Mount died October 27, 1995. She was also inducted into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame in 2000.

Naomi Day Spurrier

By Carol Lane Lewis

For Naomi Day Spurrier, one of the oldest residents in Mt. Airy, there is just no other place to live.

One of ten children, Spurrier was born in 1895 on Penn Shop Road, Mt. Airy, where she resided until the age of 26. From there, she married and moved to a house off Main Street, where she has lived for the past 68 years.

Spurrier's robust personality and her busy "social calendar" are by no means indicative of her 94 years, of which she turned last January. She is a charter member of a women's club known as Eastern Star, and she attends monthly Senior Citizen's Meetings here in town. Once active in the Garden Club, Spurrier says she is still a member, and has been attending services at the Calvary Methodist Church for over 50 years.

"I never learned to drive a car," she said, and added that the only attempt she made to learn was terminated when she became pregnant with her first child. She admits that she has relied on her good friends and kind neighbors to take her wherever she needs to go.



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Mount Airy is where Naomi Day Spurrier, 94, calls home and will continue to live, despite frequent visits to her daughter's house in North Carolina

Spurrier taught for all seven grades at what is now the Mt. Airy Elementary School, from 1916 until she married her high school sweetheart in 1921.

"Married women couldn't teach back them," she recalled. "It was against the law." She was permitted, however, to serve as a substitute teacher during World War II. She has also taught Sunday School in the past.

Walter Spurrier, her husband of 52 years and a former mayor of Mount Airy for two terms, worked for the fire company "all his life," she said. He was well known around Mount Airy as the manager of the Mt. Airy Milling Co. until 1968 when he retired. He died in January, 1973.

The Spurriers had three children of which two girls are still living. From their marriages, six grandchildren were born and, currently, Spurrier has five great-grandchildren. Her entire family is scattered within the United States.

One of Spurrier's fondest memories is of her 50th anniversary party which was celebrated in her own backyard. She said happily, that most of her family members were able to attend. She also remembers many of the fires that took place in Mount Airy, and referred specifically to the Mt. Airy Milling Co. fire of 1969.

A typical day for her might include reading her favorite newspapers and books, attending one of the local group meetings, and watching professional sports on TV.

"I listen to all the ballgames," she said. "Oh yes, I follow all the Orioles games, too." She said her husband started Little League here in Mount Airy several years back.

Though she loves to sew, Spurrier says her eyesight prevents her from enjoying that hobby much anymore. Among some of her specialties were all of her own clothes and some for her daughters, as well as quilts and handmade crafts which she often donated to church bazaars.

Much of her time is spent with her daughter from North Carolina, but Spurrier's home will always be here in Mount Airy.

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Olea Hood

When Olea Hood was asked this summer at a reunion party at Prospect Church, Mt. Airy, what was her secret to long life, she answered, "Eating good food and living a clean life."

Hood, 94, was born in Mt. Airy on February 15, 1895. She lived in town until 15 months ago, when Hood entered the Northhampton Nursing Home, Frederick. She maintains her residence in Mount Airy.

Along with her husband, Howard, she worked their farm on Prospect Road. She cooked for her seven children and numerous farmhands. Her son Donald remembers that his mother always had to cook for 10 to 15 people. "Mom was an excellent cook," he said.

Hood has 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren are on the way, the first due in October. (Mrs. Olea Hood died November 26, 1990.)

Janie Sier

Until just four years ago, Janie Sier, now 94 years old, said "I used to mow my own lawn and I had a little garden I took care of." Sier has lived in Mount Airy for 32 years.

She helped her husband, John, with farm chores until his arthritis got too bad for him to continue. She then began to work in a sawmill to support the family.

That family has naturally grown over the years. Sier has four children, five grand-children, ten great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Her advice to young people for living a long life is "They can do like me. I worked hard all my life." Sier was born January 22, 1895. (Mrs. Janie Viola Sier died June 14, 2000.)

Support for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to sincerely thank the many businesses in our community that supported the 2020 Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Without their generous sponsorship we would not be able to honor these deserving members of our community. We plan to hold the 2020 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction

Ceremony in March of 2021. The program will then be given to guests during the event. We will forego nominating new Hall of Fame members for 2021. Please support the following businesses, which contribute so much to our great community.

Mount Airy Hall of Fame Supporters

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- Auxiliary to the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co.
- Blade Busters Lawn Cutting, Firewood, Snow Removal
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- The Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce
- The Mount Airy Inn
- The Plumbery Home Center
- Tim Barkley, Attorney
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- Wagner Meats / Mt. Airy Locker Co.
- WRF & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Editor's Note: The following story appeared in the Community Reporter on November 15, 1940. This story should make you smile.

Brakeman On First Trip, Grabs Lunch, Misses Train

Oliver Henley Left Mt. Airy Hops Ride to Monrovia, Continues Duties as Before.

Oliver Henley, Mt. Airy, on his first trip as brakeman on the westbound way-train Tuesday afternoon had the experience of "missing his train."

When the train arrived in Mt. Airy Henley asked a member of the crew how long they would be here. He was told "about fifteen minutes." Thinking that would be sufficient time to go to his apartment and grab a bite of lunch, he took leave. When he returned he found that his train had pulled out for Frederick without him.

Henley envisioned his first trip as brakeman ending abruptly and in no way pleasant to him, possibly with the pink slip. What to do puzzled him. Then the idea struck him that he might meet his train at Pike Crossing if he could catch a ride. Minutes passed and in despair he sought aid of his mother, Mrs. Cornelia Henley, who conducts her store not far from the station. Luckily his sister, Dorothy, was on hand with the family automobile and proceeded to help him catch the freight at Mt. Airy Junction.

But they were too late for the train was already chugging on toward Bartholows. Monrovia was their next hope and on they speeded with the hope of catching the pickup there. As they pulled into the town they heard the train coming only a short distance away. With no time to lose Henley jumped from the automobile, ran up an embankment and crouched ready to spring onto the moving train when it came by. He made the jump safely and only minutes afterward felt the train coming to a stop for there were cars to be shifted and he was on hand to take care of his duties.

Henley no doubt enjoyed his ride into Frederick knowing that he was aboard the train when his services were needed and that none of the crew was aware of his absence on the trip from Mt. Airy to Monrovia.

Editor's Note: The story that follows is also from the Community Reporter of November 15, 1940. This story, appropriate for the season, provides a little history of our celebration of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day To Be Observed Here on Thursday

Business Places to Close — Union Religious Services Are Planned.

Thanksgiving will be observed in Mt. Airy, as well as the rest of the State next Thursday, Nov. 21, in keeping with the President's proclamation, fixing the date for Thanksgiving on the third Thursday.

The First National Bank, the post office and local business houses will be closed all day.

The President proclaimed:

"I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-first day of November, 1940, to be observed nationally as a day thanksgiving.

In a year which has seen calamity and sorrow fall upon many peoples elsewhere in the world may we give thanks for our preservation.

On the same day, in the same hour, let us pray:

"Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; Amen."

Merchandiser, 75, Sells Wares From First Building

**George W. Clay In House Erected In 1880
By the Late Byron S. Dorsey.**

"Not a single man who was in business here when I began some 50 years ago is still alive," George W. Clay, who will observe his 75th birthday March 2 next, related to the writer.

"There was Charlie Smith, Walter R. Rudy, Edward Molesworth and John Condon," he continued, "but they have all passed on."

The veteran merchandiser conducts business in the single story frame structure at the foot of the Main Street Hill erected in 1880 by the late Byron S. Dorsey. Mr. Clay acquired the place in 1903 from the estate of Mrs. Charles E. Ebert, one of the descendants of Henry Bussard.



For some years after the place was built 60 years ago, the late Mr. Dorsey conducted a grist mill therein, obtaining power from a steam engine. He was succeeded by Nimrod Smith and John Spaulding who held forth until they in turn gave way to Edward and Will Houck who used the stand for a butcher shop.

Then, Mr. Clay declared, a family by the name of Cantwell occupied the place as a dwelling. Later it was taken over by Julius Johnson, who operated a tavern. Mr. Clay remembered the Johnsons very well, recalling that the father of Julius drowned near the Pearl Bargain House. Johnson, Sr., he explained, was driving to Frederick in his buggy. When he attempted to ford a small stream near Mt. Carmel Church, swollen to flood

stage by heavy rains, he was carried downstream and drowned.

Before going into the general merchandise business at his present location with Henry Clary, Mr. Clay with John Wilson, operated a creamery where the Mt. Airy Hotel now stands. Mr. Clay sold his creamery interests to his partner and shifted his interest to groceries, later acquiring entire control when he bought out Clary.

He clearly recalled high waters, the holdup of the bank, the several conflagrations which leveled Mt. Airy, and the "benders" which were synonymous with the celebration of Emancipation Day here.

Editor's Note: The previous story was printed in the Community Reporter of Friday, November 1, 1940.

1930 Is Record Year at Ridgeville Cider Plant

With 150,000 bushels of apples already received and approximately 30,000 bushels more expected, the Ridgeville Cider and Vinegar Company is experiencing the busiest season of its career. Besides the apples from Virginia, which are trucked in, the company has received 12 carloads from West Virginia and other points. In addition to the plant in Ridgeville, a branch is located at Smithsburg, Washington County, with general offices and warehouses located in Baltimore. According to H. M. Snyder, manager of the local mill, the increase in apples received this year was due to the drought which caused the fruit to be small and therefore unmarketable through the usual channels. Two additional storage tanks of 10,000 and 12,000 gallon capacities have been installed to take care of the increased volume in business and shipments are being made regularly to Puerto Rico, N. Carolina and other points in this country.

Editor's Note: The previous story was printed in the Community Reporter of Friday, November 21, 1930.

Stories and Photos Wanted

If you have stories or photographs you would like to contribute for the Historical Society's quarterly newsletter, please contact us at:

historicalsocietyofmountairy@earthlink.net

Any stories of Mount Airy, its people, businesses or local events are welcome.

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the October, November, and December, 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.

- Debbie Moxley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hanford Moxley was honored at a bridal shower recently at the American Legion hosted by her bridesmaids, Peggy Henley, Diane Armfield, Sue Swann and Chris Winkler. 10/2/70
- Dennis L. Ahalt, Manager of Maryland National Bank, Mount Airy office, was promoted to the position of Branch Officer. 10//2/70
- The fine Arts Department and the Library of Mount Airy Middle School held a Model Car Building Contest. First place winners were Joe McCauley, Richard Norwood and Walker Gibson. 10/2/70
- The new zoning ordinance for the town of Mount Airy stated that no one can display articles for sale in the residential area. 10/9/70
- Mrs. Eileen Hood Haight, Mount Airy, was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1970. This award recognizes young women who have contributed to the betterment of their communities, professions and country. 10/9/70
- Mr. and Mrs. James C. Baker are the proud parents of their first child, a son, Brent James on October 1. Mrs. Baker is the former Jane Sirk of Mount Airy. 10/9/70
- Mount Airy Middle School Drama Club will present "We Shook the Family Tree". The cast includes Tracy Reed, Nancy Brown, Patty True, Peter Dods, Billy Jenkins, Dale Warner, Cindy Schut, Wesley Boone, Jackie Taylor, Steven Burdette and Donna Swiger. Helping Mrs. James Reed, instructor for the Drama Club, is Mrs. Lewis Dixon, producer; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Leatherwood, stage managers; Mrs. Eugenia Gartrell as set designer; Mrs. Edward Reed and Mrs. Walter Brown as costume committee and Mrs. Arnold Ogren and Carolyn Davis as makeup artists. 10/9/70
- William E. Frederickson was named to the Dean's List at the Indiana Institute of Technology. Bill is a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering. 10/16/70
- The State Roads Commission received approval from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, for the upgrading of 22 miles of existing Rt. 40 to Interstate Standards (I-70N). The proposal design provides for a six lane freeway type highway with access by way of interchanges only at Routes 32, 94, 97, 27 and 75. 10/23/70
- The Board of Education of Carroll County announced that plans for the Mount Airy Elementary School bus loop were put into the roads works program. 10/23/70
- Paid advertisement for J. Glenn Beall, Jr., running for Senator in Maryland on November 3rd "Marylanders are fed up with bombings, campus violence, riots, experimentation in education, shooting of policemen, tax dollars waste, the drug culture--- the whole permissive mess." —It's time for a change. — On November 3rd, vote for J. Glenn Beall, Jr. a Senator who will represent Maryland's view full time! 10/23/70
(*Note: J. Glenn Beall, Jr. was elected to the office of U.S. Senate and served from 1971 through 1977.*)
- The Mount Airy Lions Club held observance of Charter Night at the Fort Detrick Officers Club marking the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the club, October 25, 1940. Three of the original charter members received 30 year awards: Charles B. Gendell, John O. Steel and Murray D. Ryan. 10/23/70
- Linda Reid represented Maryland in the youth activity event at the All American Quarter Horse Congress at Columbus, Ohio. 10/30/70

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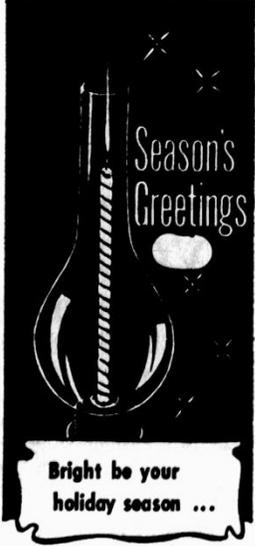
- Editorial — “Get a ‘Gun’ License for Fifty Cents!” The revelation made this past week that for 50¢ paid to the Clerk of Frederick County Circuit Court an individual may secure from the Sheriff of the County a “Deputy’s Commission” which entitles him to carry a gun on his person or in his car, without fear of being charged with carrying a “concealed weapon”, is a shocking indictment of our lax system of government.”
Sheriff Jacobs has deputized some 1,172 such “Special Deputies”. Surely the law was never intended to provide an incumbent sheriff, running for reelection, with such a brazen method of campaigning. The public is rightly shocked. 10/30/70
(*Note: Sheriff Jacobs lost his bid for reelection.*)
- Results of the election showed that Republicans won in all but one position in Carroll County. 11/6/70
- The Mount Airy Lions Club held its annual Glaucoma Clinic with the cooperation of Dr. C.R. Bikle, Optometrist, of Damascus. 11/13/70
- The South Carroll High School Band participated in the 51st annual Gimbel’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia. 138 students participated. 11/13/70
- Showing at the Druid Theatre in Damascus – Patton with George C. Scott. Coming next – Walt Disney’s Son of Flubber. 11/13/70
- A problem with the lock on the door of the Mount Airy Library (downtown) occurred Monday evening with patrons inside. Bud Hood and Hanford Wagner were thrown the keys from an upstairs window but were unable to unlock the door from the outside. Mrs. Betty Ifert, Town Clerk, arrived and opened the Town Hall access to the street, and all persons were able to leave the building. The following day Delaine Hobbs repaired a loose screw in the lock mechanism, and the library carried on as usual. 11/13/70
- Gold Star Post 191, American Legion, held its 4th annual Veterans Day Dinner and Dance at the Post Home. The Maryland Boys and Girls states representatives reported their experiences while attending their conventions. 11/20/70
- Miss Sandra Gale Linton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Linton, became the bride of L. Patrick Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Staritt Holmes, at Prospect United Methodist Church. Matron of Honor was her sister, Sharon Pickett, and best man was Ronald Windsor. Bridesmaids were Nancy Winkler, Sue Linton, Diann Linton and the ushers were Roland and Alfred Schmidt and James Linton, Jr. 11/20/70
- Capt. Leonard A. Snead, USN, son of Mrs. Martha Snead, former resident of Mount Airy, assumed command of the USS Forrestal. He attended high school in Mount Airy and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946. 11/27/70
- From the desk of the Mayor – The population of Mount Airy in 1960 was 1,352 – the 1970 figure is 1,830. The new Comprehensive Master Plan projects the town’s population to 1990 as follows: 1975 – 2,070; 1980 – 2,320; - 1985 – 2,630; 1990 – 2,950 11/27/70
- The following population figures go back to 1900 – 1900 – 332 people; 1920 – 662; 1930 – 860; 1940 – 791; 1960 – 1,352; and 1970 – 1,830. These figures show how the town has grown and will continue to grow. 12/4/70
- The Carroll County Association for Retarded Children has begun its annual fund drive in Mount Airy with a goal of \$1,500⁰⁰. Mount Airy has always been generous to these children as the Carroll County Movement got its start in Mount Airy in 1955 when the Mount Airy Lions Club donated a new nine passenger station wagon to transport the children. The first school in the county was in a rent-free building in Wildwood Park donated by Rombo Bros. of Baltimore. 12/4/70
- A permit has been issued by the Town of Mount Airy to build a garage and storage building on Prospect Road on the town lot. 12/4/70

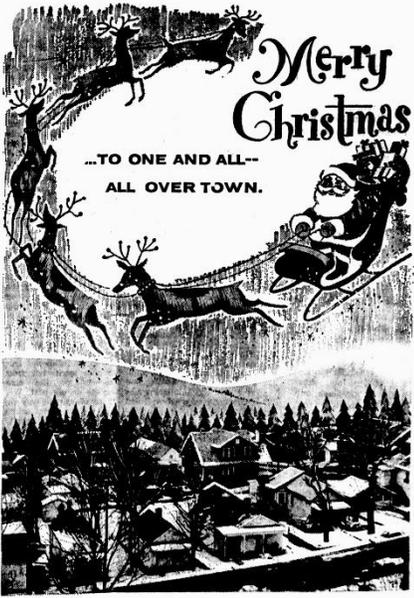
Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Santa will be in Mount Airy several weekends in December. The headquarters while here will be in the Watkins Building next to Floyd's Restaurant. If he is not in his headquarters, he will be on Main Street where he can be easily located. The Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring his visit and a bake sale.
12/11/70
- The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company elected their officers for 1971. R. Delaine Hobbs was chosen President. Assisting are Edward Browning, 2nd Assistant Chief; Granville Albright, 2nd Vice President; George Marick, financial secretary; Reverend James Talley, Chaplain; Thomas Wagner, assistant secretary; Roland Welch, 1st vice president; Reverend William Andrews, chaplain; Carl Smith, treasurer; and Patrick Holmes, secretary. 12/11/70
- Some of the businesses sending Seasons Greetings by ads in the newspaper 12/18/70:

Four County Esso, Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes, Tops Market, Condon's Hardware, Delaine Hobbs Studios, Dr. Livsey, DDS, Griffith Consumers Co., Van Eiff Gas Co., Holmes Tire Service, Mt. Airy Pants Factory, Hipsley & Albright, Ralph M. Picket Grocery Store, Henley's Electricenter, Van Sant Plumbing and Heating, Mt. Airy Auto Parts, Mt. Airy Locker Plant, Meyers Drug Store, Western Auto, Davis Texaco Service center, Gendells Jewelry, Peoples Lumber and Supply Co., Hobbs Barber Shop, Foodland, Mt. Airy Printing Company, L. E. "Pee Wee" Sherman Insurance and Real Estate, The Jones Motors, Inc., Watkins 5 & 10, Grigsby & Sons Construction Co., Bob Browning Insurance Agency, and Brownings Grocery.

The following Holiday Greetings were included in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on December 25, 1970. Happy Hannukah and Merry Christmas and may the new year bringing us the blessings of peace and health.

 <p>...with the gift of charity to all.</p> <p>HOBBS BARBER SHOP Paul E. Warehime, Prop. 3 Main St. Mt. Airy, Md.</p>	 <p>...that's our message for YOU.</p> <p>MT. AIRY LOCKER PLANT</p>	 <p>For you a Smile of all seasons.</p> <p>BROWNING'S GROCERY BOB'S INSURANCE AGENCY Main St. Mt. Airy, Md. 829-1450; 829-1454</p>	 <p>MT. AIRY PLUMBING & HEATING INC. 829-1770 Mt. Airy, Md. 21771</p>
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Merry Christmas
 ...TO ONE AND ALL--
 ALL OVER TOWN.

Condon's V & S Hardware
 Paint & Sundries Hardware Housewares
 Glass Garden Supplies Seed
 Mt. Airy, Md. 21771 Phone 829-1630



MERRILY CHRISTMAS
 with a song in your heart.

WATKINS 5 & 10
 Mt. Airy, Md.



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MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE.

Our prayer - for this birth day of all birth days.

VanSant Plumbing and Heating
 Main St. Mt. Airy, Md. 829-0444



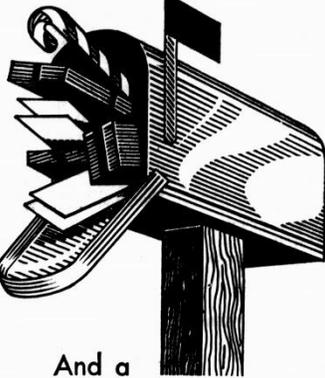
Christmas Greetings
 We're choosing this way of making a "special trip" to your house to remember you.

Hipsley & Albright
 "The Old Reliable Furniture and Stove House"
 Mt. Airy, Md. Phone 829-1160



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