



MUSEUM MEMOS

Mt. Airy Museum Newsletter



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Hall of Fame Nominations

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, MD, Inc. is soliciting nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame program. All local organizations and individuals are invited to nominate a person or persons to be considered for this honorable position.

The Mount Airy Hall of Fame honors truly deserving people, living or deceased, of Mount Airy and the immediate surrounding areas, who by work, service, volunteerism, word or deed, made the community a better place for everyone. It also honors those who were born here and went on to bring honor and glory to the community by their efforts, deeds, or life's work outside of the area. By honoring these individuals, it is believed that their stories will inspire others to greater achievement and make everyone aware of the fabric that is woven into our home - Mount Airy, Maryland.

Nomination forms for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame may be found at the Mount Airy Town Hall or at the Mount Airy Museum. Forms can also be obtained online at the following link:

<http://www.mountairymd.org/DocumentCenter/View/234>.

Nominations this year are due November 15. This is earlier than past years. We need more time to consider the nominations.

Please remember: If you feel someone deserves to be in the Mount Airy Hall of Fame, they won't be if YOU don't nominate them.

Welcome New Members

The Historical Society would like to extend a welcome to Ray Molesworth, new life member.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be on November 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company. We will be planning new museum exhibits. Please join us.

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 made donations to the Historical Society over the last several months. 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 Mount Airy Museum.

Gary Brohawn
Thomas Penn
Helen Simpson

Mark Your Calendars

The Annual Boxes and Bags Bingo will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Like last year, the event will be held in the Reception Hall of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, located at 1008 Twin Arch Road in Mount Airy (the Fireman's Carnival Grounds). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The Early Bird game starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular games start at 7 p.m. This year we will feature different designer handbags as well as our filled boxes. Dinner and snacks will be sold before and during the games. The proceeds from the event benefit the Mount Airy Rails to Trails, MAC the Caboose, and the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland. Tickets for this event will go on sale later this year.



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Mt. Airy Junction Telegraph Tower Is Discontinued

All Switching Now Accomplished Electronically
From Baltimore - Marks Close Of An Era

From the Community Reporter
October 30, 1959

Another old landmark of days gone by has passed from the Mount Airy neighborhood scene with the closing on Friday, October 16th, of the Mount Airy Junction B. & O. Railway telegraph tower just east of the town.

The little, old structure, which for many years, ever since the hey-day of railroading through this community, housed the telegraphic dispatching and manual switching equipment for the routing of trains which passed through the area, is now silent and unoccupied and switching is accomplished electronically from Baltimore.

No longer will the line through there be a busy, double-track freight route, one track having been removed from Point of Rocks to Baltimore. In the future all traffic will flow over the single, remaining track and the flow each direction will be visibly observed and controlled on a master board in the Baltimore office, so that the position of any train using the track can be determined at any given moment by the dispatcher there. He will accomplish the necessary switching by remote control and modernity has in just one more instance taken over the traditional and somewhat slower system which for many years served the railway system well.

During the more than 50 years the tower here has been in operation, many towermen have been responsible for the work carried on there. Among them were a number of local men and others from nearby points. Charles Gartrell, Frank Esworthy, Edward Beatty and a Mr. Hickman from Point of Rocks and others are among those who would undoubtedly be recalled by Robert E. Eader, retired Division Superintendent, who resides on Church street, and R. R. Brandenburg, retired track foreman, who makes his home on Park avenue. Operations were maintained at the tower around the clock, three eight-hour shifts assuring its continuous operation. No road led to the tower along the tracks, but each operator would walk down the track to begin his tour of duty, climb the steps and enter upon his shift. During the next eight hours his only contact with the outside world would be his telegraph key and the telephone line installed there. As orders were received

via wire he would throw the heavy, manual switches routing oncoming freights and his responsibility would be thus discharged. A little stove heated the tower room during the winter months and never was this important post unattended as long trains of loaded freight cars passed through the switches there with amazing frequency.

But everything old has to give way to progress and the old Mount Airy switch and telegraph tower is one of them. Some day railroading may come back into its own, as in the days of yore, but if it does, old-time railroaders will not be able to recognize it for what it was in the days when hands clicked telegraph keys and strong arms threw manual switches to route the long trains of steam drawn freights back and forth with almost monotonous regularity.

Editor's Note: The tower described in this article is actually called the Watersville Junction (WX) Tower. It was located where the Mount Airy loop branches off the Main Line on the east side of Mount Airy. As reported in the story, the tower was a long hike from the nearest road.

Check out these prices at Lindsay L. Browning's Grocery Store.



BIRDS EYE SPECIALS

Fordhook Lima Beans	... 25c
French or Cut Green Beans	20c
Chopped or Leaf Spinach	19c
Orange Juice 29c



LIBBY'S:
 #2½ Peaches, ½ or sliced 30c; #2½ Kraut 17c; #2½ Pumpkin 19c
 #2½ Fruit Cocktail 37c; #5 Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice 2/59c
 #5 Pineapple Juice 2/59c
 Land-O-Lakes Whole Golden Corn 2/35c; Morton Salt 2 pkgs. 23c
 Pillsbury Cake Mixes, pkg. 31c; River Brand Rice 1-lb. pkgs. 2/33c
 Breast O'Chicken Tuna, chunk style 3/85c; Green Giant Peas 2/29c
 Pet-Pearl Carnation Milk, tall cans, 6/89c; Spam 45c; Tide, reg. 31c
 McCormick Vanilla, 1-oz. 29c - 2-oz. 49c
 Wilkins Instant Coffee, 6 oz. 99c; Maryland Chief Tomatoes 2/37c
HEINZ: Pork and Beans, 16-oz. 2/27c; Tomato Ketchup 14-oz. 2/47c
 Baby Foods, Strained, 10 jars 99c - Junior, 6 jars 89c
 Delsey Toilet Tissue, 4 rolls 47c; Soft-Weve, two pack 25c
 Kleenex, 400's 2/51c - 200's 2/27c

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ESKAY:
 Ready to eat Hams, ½ or whole, lb. 60c; Smoked Picnics, lb. 39c
 Fresh Shoulders, lb. 37c; Franks, lb. 59c; Dixie Maids, lb. 47c
 Lard, lb. 16c; Chipped Beef, ¼ lb. pkg. 45c
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Ad from the Community Reporter September 25, 1959

Support for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would again like to express its gratitude to the many businesses in our community that have supported the 2019 Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Without their generous sponsorship we could not honor these deserving members of our community. We ask you all 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
- Blade Busters Lawn Cutting, Firewood, Snow Removal
- Blossom & Basket Boutique
- Browning Reagle Insurance Agency
- Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.
- Catonsville Homes
- CBI Development Group
- Century Ford, Dodge, Chrysler & Jeep
- Charlie Condon, Real Estate Teams, LLC
- Convenience Catering & Concessions - Marsha Henley
- Cryin' Johnnies
- 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
- Jeff Barnes Chevrolet, Inc.
- Jerry's Trophies, LLC
- J & J Trash Service
- Kerry Mandrik, Long & Foster Realtors
- Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy
- Lindquist Insurance – Raymond T.Cogan, President
- 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
- Old Line Bank
- Paul Clay, Real Estate Consulting RE/MAX Realty Plus
- Rotary Club of Mount Airy

- Snap Fitness
- SK Printing
- Steve Jackson Real Estate Teams, LLC
- Team Bonnie and Maureen - RE/MAX Realty Plus
- 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, 20 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.

Remember this tradition?

Mt. Airy School News

Windows Decorated

Downtown windows will be decorated for Halloween this year, according to a custom which had been considered successful in previous years but was discontinued last year. Elementary, junior and senior high classes will compete for prizes in the window painting contest, which is sponsored by the Lions Club. Mrs. Free will be general chairman of the project. Additional details will be announced later.

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CIDER that is
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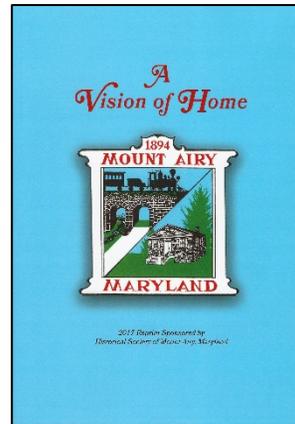
Looking for a Great Holiday Gift?

It may seem early to think about the Holidays, but they are quickly approaching. The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland has some very nice gifts, that might be right for that special someone of yours. As always, the proceeds from the sale of these gifts goes to the fabrication of new museum displays and the maintenance of the Historical Society's collection of artifacts. Very popular items have been our four publications that will provide hours of enjoyment for the reader. The first is the book titled "A Vision of Home", which tells the story of Mount Airy from its earliest days through its Centennial Year, 1996. The second book is titled "A Rolling Slice of History on Main Street, Mackenzie Comes Home to Mount Airy", written by Michael and Nanci O'Brien, which is a compilation of beautiful photographs and stories that describe the history and restoration of the B&O Railroad caboose C-2095, "Mackenzie". The third publication titled "The Mt. Airy and B&O Story" was written by Mr. Herman B. Beck to describe the B&O Railroad's construction westward through Mount Airy and the railroad's impact on the people and history of Mount Airy and the surrounding area. The next publication is our very own recipe book. It was prepared by Ron and Barbara Runkles and is full of recipes for wonderful dishes that were submitted by members of our local community. What make this recipe book unique is that it also contains historical information about Mount Airy's many old grocery stores.

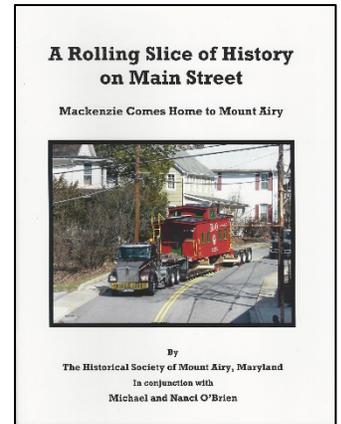
New this year are two special items for the railroad buff on your gift list. These items are being sold in cooperation with the B&O Railroad Historical Society. The first item is a book titled: "B&O in Baltimore 160 Years of History in the Charm City Area". This great new book describes the history of the B&O Railroad in Baltimore and the entire surrounding region. Also available are paper plates printed with the historical pattern found on the B&O Railroad's china.

Of course, we still have T-shirts printed as Mount Airy Milling Company flour sacks and many other small stocking stuffer gifts.

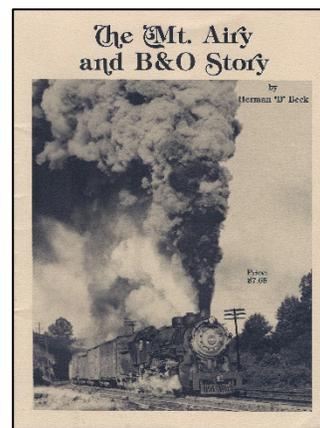
All of these items and more are available at the gift shop in the Mount Airy Museum. In addition, most of the books are also available at the Blossom and Basket Boutique in Mount Airy. All proceeds from the sale of these books goes to the fabrication of new museum displays and the maintenance of the Historical Society's collection of artifacts.



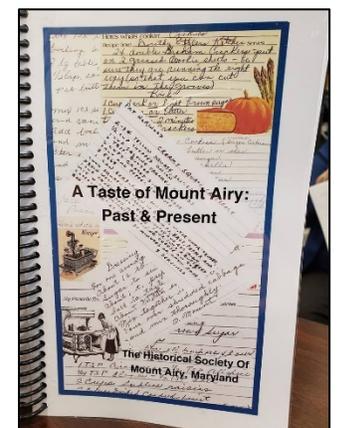
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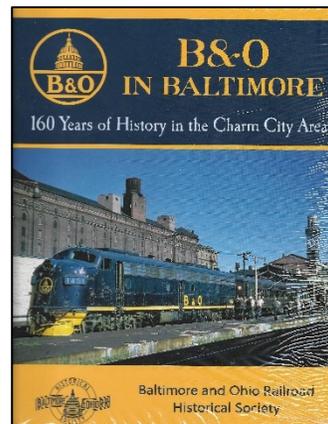
A Rolling Slice of History on Main Street



The Mt. Airy and B&O Story



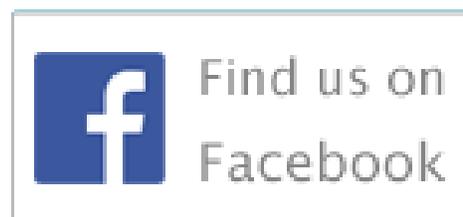
A Taste of Mount Airy, Past & Present



B&O in Baltimore 160 Years of History



B&O China Paper Plates



Mount Airy Museum News

It has been about 13 months since we opened the new Mount Airy Museum in the Mount Airy Station. Since opening, the Historical Society has kept and encouraged visitors to sign into our guest book. From that guest book we have acquired some very interesting information. Since opening day, the Mount Airy Museum has been open every Saturday and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. We were also open on Fridays for a period of time, we were open all summer on Wednesday evenings during the Farmer's Market and we have been open during all town events. The museum was opened and staffed during these times by volunteers, to whom we are so very grateful. The museum has had more than 1,993 visitors. That is about 153 visitors per month on average. Despite all our efforts, not all visitors sign in, so, the actual count is probably higher. We have had 10 visitors from out of country, one from France, two from Ukraine, 2 from Ireland, one from Iceland, one from Hong Kong, and two from Canada, including one from near Guelph, home of Doctor John McRae, author of "In Flanders Fields". From the United States, we have had 182 visitors from 29 States and Puerto Rico. Visitors have come from as far as Texas, Wisconsin, South Dakota and California. We have had 1,405 local visitors (Mount Airy, Taylorsville, New Market, Lisbon, Damascus) and 396 from out of the immediate area, including those mentioned from out of State and Country.

All in all the Mount Airy Museum has been quite successful in presenting our town's history to members of our community and to visitors to our town.

We encourage you all to spread the word about the museum and to encourage family members and friends to visit. If you have not seen the museum, please come. We are open Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 4 p.m. and during town events. We will also open by appointment. If you are planning an event and would like your attendees to see the museum, let us know.

We are still in need of help for the many efforts that keep the museum pen. So, if you can help, even if it is for only two hours each month, please let us know.

There is a new exhibit, "The Friday Night Drawing" that describes the excitement in town that occurred Friday nights, when a winner was drawn for the weekly prize of free merchandise in local stores. Come see it! As always, the model of the Mount Airy Railyard continues to grow, so if you haven't visited lately, you haven't seen it all.

Ralph Ellis Wins Army Boxing Title



Army Pfc. Ralph T. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses H. Ellis, Mt. Airy, is a member of the 16th Signal Battalion boxing team at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and recently battled his way to the light-heavyweight title in the Huachuca Boxing Tourney. He attended the Robert Moton High School.

Pfc. Ralph Ellis gave a swinging exhibition to boxing fans at the Barnes Field House during the intramural boxing championships on October 27. The light heavy-weight scrap between Ellis and Pfc. Myser Keels (EW Spt. Co.) was a crowd-pleaser from the first bell. Although both were punched-out at the middle of the third round, they kept throwing the leather until the last second.

Ellis knocked Keels down twice in the first round for a count of eight each time and this was probably the deciding factor in the judge's mind for giving Ellis a unanimous decision.

In the semi-finals, the evening before, Ellis had made an impressive debut when he TKO'd Pfc. Dave Livingston (Sig. Met. Co.) in the second round.

Editor's Note: The previous article was from the Community Reporter of Friday, December 4, 1959.

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Farm-City Week Proclamation

The following is the proclamation from Mount Airy's Mayor Frank E. Horpel dated November 10, 1959 in which he asked for cooperation between the town's people and the local farming community. It appeared in the Community Reporter on Friday, November 6, 1959.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION Farm-City Week

November 20-26

WHEREAS the prosperity and well-being of this community are dependent upon cooperation between the two great elements of our society: farmers and urban people, and

WHEREAS the complexities of their individual problems, and the divergence of their activities have led to a widening gulf of misunderstanding, and

WHEREAS this gulf of misunderstanding must be eliminated; and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure, and

WHEREAS Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled opportunity for farm and city people to become re-acquainted, I, THEREFORE, FRANK HORPEL, Mayor of the City of Mount Airy, do hereby proclaim the period of November 20 through November 26 to be Farm-City Week; and I do further call upon all citizens of this community to participate to the limit of their capability in making this a successful Farm-City Week in our community.

Done at the City of Mount Airy this November 10, 1959.

F. E. HORPEL
Mayor

BOB'S MARKET IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED

Robert C. Browning officially closed the doors of his grocery market in Ridgeville on Saturday evening, October 31st. Words do no need to be said to express the emptiness of the people who bought many of the items that "Bob" had for sale, during his more than eight years as owner of "Bob's Market."

Mr. Browning expresses appreciation to his many customers and stated that at times he feels like a bird turned loose after being within the walls of a building for so long.

The good wishes of many, many people are extended to Mr. Browning as he passes along the streets and byways beginning an adventure entirely different to the grocery store business - that of insurance.

Editor's Note: The previous article was from the Community Reporter of Friday, October 2, 1959.

Top's Market Has 9th Anniversary

The 9th anniversary has rolled around for C. R. Topper, proprietor of Top's Market here, and the friendly merchant is taking advantage of this opportunity to offer a spectacular sales event displayed elsewhere in this paper.

Last week-end, baskets of food were given to customers whose names were drawn from a ticket box. Winners were: Charles Nicholson, Malcolm Moxley, Ernest Albright, Jean Colburn, William W. Reaver, Eleanor Fleming, R. Holweck, Dorothy Jenkins, Ann Brown, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Albert Bowman, Poplar Springs; Julia Sobus and Theresa Poole, Long Corner.

Editor's Note: The previous article was from the Community Reporter of Friday, October 2, 1959.

TOP'S MARKET

Ninth Anniversary Sale

OCTOBER 22 - 23 - 24

SUNSHINE KRISPY CRACKERS 2 1-lb. boxes 49c

Hunt's Fruit Cocktail 5 303 cans \$1.00	Tru Taste Corn Whole Kernel Golden 8 303 cans \$1.00	World's Favorite Peas 9 303 cans \$1.00
HANOVER PORK & BEANS RED KIDNEY BEANS		10 #1 cans \$1.00
M CRESCENT SLICED BACON 4 lbs. \$1.00 E LEAN MEATY PORK CHOPS 3 lbs. \$1.00 A FRESH FRYERS and FRESH OYSTERS T at lowest possible prices every weekend		
FRESH PRODUCE FRESH FLORIDA ORANGES 3 doz. \$1.00	FROZEN FOOD TV DINNERS 8 varieties 59c each	

Ad from the Community Reporter October 2, 1959

Plant Now! Enjoy Later!

Imported

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Cramer
Paint & Hardware, Inc.
Main Street Phone 80
Mount Airy, Maryland

Ad from the Community Reporter October 30, 1959

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Althea Miller

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the October, November and December, 1969 issues of the Community Reporter. The newspaper was the main source of information for Mount Airy residents and surrounding areas from November 29, 1929 until the last issue on July 1, 1983.

- The citizens of Mount Airy will be pleased to learn that Hobb's Barber Shop reopened on October 1 and will be operated by Edward Zavona. 10/3/69
- New officers inducted in the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club by Lt Gov. William Macy on Sept. 24 are: A. Wayne Norwood, president; John W. Devault, vice president; Andrew W. Mason, secretary and David H. Manley, treasurer. 10/3/69
- At a special meeting called by town officials it was unanimously voted to close Rockwell and Bellview Avenues to buses effective October 15. This was a result of negotiations between the town and school board and a trial period last year. The tentative plan is for the elementary students to unload and load at the middle school and walk the ¼ mile to school. 10/3/69
- The cast has been selected for the Melodrama, "Bertha the Beautiful Typewriter Girl," to be presented by the Mount Airy Players on November 14 and 15. Some of the cast include: Ellis Leatherwood, Mike Alexander, Joe Richards, Mark Dixon, Harry Arnold, Janice Leatherwood, Peggy Leatherwood, Carolyn Davis, Roxie Harrison and Jack Steel. Dorothy Reed is the director. 10/10/69
- In June of this year the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company purchased from Mack Truck Co. a 750 GPM pumper. It made its' first run in August. The cost of the new engine and necessary equipment was approximately \$38,000. 10/10/69
- The mayor and town council met with the superintendent of schools whereby the school board would consider alternatives to the present routing of school buses provided the town would take no action to close Bellview and Rockwell Avenues this year. 10/10/69
- Acting Principal Frank H. Miller has announced that two students at South Carroll High School have been named semi finalists in the 1969-70 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are :Connie Wright and David Flora. 10/10/69
- On October 4 the Caviliars won their first football game when they defeated the Greencastle Antrim team 34-0. 10/10/69
- Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Buchman announce the birth of a son on October 12. Todd Gilbert was born at Frederick Memorial Hospital. 10/17/69
- The Mount Airy Lions will have their annual Halloween parade and costume contest on October 26. Prizes will be awarded by the prettiest, ugliest, most original and best couple. 10/17/69
- Seniors of the SCHS football team are: Ralph Holweck, Jeff Haugh, Kim Mundy, Don Taylor, Mike Schlotterbeck, Dave Zepp and Wayne Hulver. 10/17/69
- The SCHS Homecoming Court consisted of: Connie Etzler (gr. 9), Vicki King (gr. 10), Kathy Pickett (gr. 12), Bridget Rouchard (gr. 11), Barbara Wickham (gr. 11), Barbara White (gr. 12), Diane Wooden (gr. 11), and Queen Teri Jones (gr. 12). The football team defeated the Atholton Raiders 10-6. 10/17/69
- The Mayor has announced that Trick or Treat night will be observed on October 31 only. 10/17/69
- The profit from this years' carnival was \$10,514.93. 10/24/69
- Danny Ennis, 15, of Twin Arch Road bowled the first 200 sanctioned game ever bowled at the Mount Airy Bowling Lanes. He will receive the Gold Medal Award from National Duckpin Bowling Congress plus patches for a 175 game and five strikes in a row. 10/24/69
- Kimberly Brown is a member of the cast of the "The Wizard of Oz" on Saturday, October 25 at the Stayton House Auditorium in Columbia, MD. Kim will play the part of Dorothy. 10/24/69

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Mount Airy Lions celebrated their 29th birthday recently, Charter members were given special recognition. Harold Culler, president, welcomed 92 members, wives and guests. Six remaining charter members are: Harry Clower, Norman Etzler, Charles Gendell, Henry Runkles, Murray Ryan and John Steel.
10/31/69
- Residents of Mount Airy responded to a questionnaire under the direction of the Planning and Zoning Commission with interesting results. They are pleased that of the 499 forms distributed 304 were returned, a percentage of 60.9. The results will be to help make decisions necessary to the planning process.
11/7/69
- Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Davis announce the birth of a son on October 22 at Carroll County General Hospital.
11/7/69
- Local youths participated in the UNICEF campaign recently. Approximately 160 youth participated collecting \$812.75. 11/14/69
- Participants in the Key Club Night on November 5 at the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club were :Mike Mason, president; Wayne Green, vice president; Tom Boller, secretary; and Mike Alexander, treasurer. Wayne Norwood is president of the Kiwanis Club. 11/14/69
- A special program on home safety and accident prevention entitled “Home is Where the Hurt Is” highlighted the November 11 meeting of the Mount Airy KiWives. Mrs. Pat Johnson was the hostess. 11/21/69
- Local talent presented two plays last weekend. “Wildcat Willie Carves the Turkey” and “Bertha the Beautiful Typewriter Girl.” Mrs. Virginia Smith, chair of the PTA Ways and Means and Mrs. Barbara Harrison, publicity chair wish to thank everyone. The success was overwhelming. 11/21/69
- The new cafeteria in the elementary school opened recently. It is a bright, cheerful room with very modern equipment in the kitchen. The size of the room made it possible to shorten the lunch period by one hour.
11/28/69
- Miss Ann Selena Pickett has recently been awarded an all expense paid to Chicago to the National Congress. This is the third time she has represented Maryland in an out of state conference. In 1967 she went to the NEPPCO Conference in Harrisburg, PA. In 1968 she attended the West Virginia Older 4-H Youth Camp at Jackson’s Mill representing Maryland. 11/28/69
- Bus services will be available from Sykesville and Mount Airy to SCHS for all home basketball games and wrestling matches by Golliday Bus Service. 12/5/69
- The Mount Airy Community Library (3rd floor of the Flat Iron Bldg.) will observe its’ second Open House on Friday, Dec. 12 from 6:00-9:00. 12/5/69
- A public meeting for all residents of Mount Airy was held to discuss sewerage in Mount Airy. The program cost is \$1,720,400.00 which includes land, engineering, legal, administration and supervising costs. The connecting service for 460 units in the town is \$150.00 per unit will be \$69.00 per unit based on the grants that have been obtained. The residents will pay \$147.83 per year. The majority of those in attendance were in favor. Some concern was expressed for those on social security. A committee was formed to study the effect of older citizens. The mayor named Alex Varlichi, Walter Brown, Charles Gendell, Kenneth Boone, Weldon Dawson, Marion Runkles and Henry Lach to the committee. 12/12/69
- The Mount Airy Lions need toys and clothing for distribution to needy families. Items can be dropped off at Floyd’s or the Mount Airy Printing Company. Distribution will be made on December 21. 12/12/69
- Vernon Simpson, Past Inspector General of the MD National Guard received the Legion of Merit at the 195th anniversary parade by members of the 175th Infantry Regiment. 12/12/69
- Airman Wayne L. Mundy has received his first US Air Force duty assignment after completing basic training at Lackland AFB. He has been assigned to the Accounting and Finance Center, Colorado. 12/12/69
- Marine 1st Class Larry Exworthy graduated from Basic training at Camp Lejueune, NC. 12/12/69

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- If you missed seeing Santa last week you have several more opportunities. Tonight, December 19 and again Saturday, Dec. 20 2-5. Santa has a treat for everyone 12 and under at Floyds. 12/19/69
- Three local students were part of the Shepherd College Choir. They performed the Christmas portion of George Frederick Handel's oratoria, "The Messiah". Participating from Mount Airy were Ann Pickett, Jeannine Pickett and Bette Pickett. 12/19/69
- Mount Airy Boy Scout Troop 460 is having its annual Christmas tree sale on Main Street across from F and M Bank. 12/19/69
- Among the recruit class of the Maryland State Police Academy, Pikesville was Timothy Link Rigler, Mount Airy. He is assigned to the Randallstown Barracks. 12/26/69
- Lt. Samuel B. Dorsey, Mount Airy, is promoted to Captain and Chief of the quartermaster Division at Pikesville. Dorsey has served with the State Police since 1946 following a 2 year tour with the army. Dorsey lives with his wife, Ann, and their three children. 12/26/69
- The doorway contest was considered a success. Garden Club winners were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gendell, 1st place; Mr. and Mrs. James Hutzell, 2nd. The non-garden winners were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bellison, 1st; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon, 3rd; honorable mention, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohrer, Mr. and Mrs. William Duvall, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fleming. 12/26/69

Week End Specials

RIDGEVILLE NURSERIES, INC.

Friday and Saturday

October 9 & 10

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