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The President's Pen

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It is that time of year, again, when the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland solicits nominations for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame. This year we are including a nomination form along with the newsletter. We are asking all of our members to submit nominations. There are many people that you know, who are deserving of this honor. I know because we hear from members all the time asking why so and so has not been nominated. Well, now is your chance to make sure that a deserving person that you know or knew gets a chance to be selected into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame. As you know, the Mount Airy Hall of Fame honors truly deserving people, living or deceased, of Mt. 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 - Mt. Airy, Maryland.

So, surely you know at least one person who fits this description. Take the nomination form included, think of the things that person has done or did for the town and its residents over the years, and describe that person for the nominating committee. Then get that form submitted as soon as possible. We need all nominations by the end of November.

Welcome New Members

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

Joyce Porter

Thanks

The Historical Society would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who donated photographs and artifacts. These items will go on display in the museum and help us to portray the history of Mount Airy and its people and businesses.

Russell Bly

Mary Fleming

Grace Harrison

The Billy Henley Family

David Pyatt

Dan Wilson Jr.

Bonnie Winkler

The Town of Mount Airy

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Mount Airy High School News section of the November 13, 1964 Mount Airy Community Reporter.

Bulldogs Are Champions

The Mt. Airy Bulldogs, undefeated, thus far this season, scored a double win over Moton last week to emerge as county champions, dethroning North Carroll. This week they are participating in the District play-offs for championship teams from Baltimore, Harford, Carroll, and Anne Arundel Counties.

The 1964 Bulldogs, proud possessors of a 7-0-2 record, came up with 6-1 and 4-1 wins over Moton last Thursday and Friday. In the Thursday win, Jim Miller scored three times, Jim Linton twice, and Bob Legore once. Miller, Legore, David Lowe and Ronnie Clower tallied in the second game. The seven win no defeat season, by far the best turned in by a Bulldog soccer team, included a big win over last season's champs, North Carroll, and a 1-1 tie with the same team. The only other team to hold the Bulldogs to a tie was Sykesville.

The Mount Airy Museum is open most Saturdays from 12 noon until 4pm. Come visit and enjoy memorabilia from Mount Airy's past.

Mr. Andrew W. Mason



Andrew W. Mason, a resident of Mt. Airy for 56 years, died on Saturday, July 19, 2014 peacefully at the age of 93. He is predeceased by his loving wife Grace Baldwin Mason and survived by 3 sons Michael (Judy), Gregg (Christine) and Brian (Juda); 9 grandchildren Nicole, Michelle, Michael, Drew, Gregory, Margot, Helen, Jacob and Nicholas; and 3 great-grandchildren Andrew, Natasha and Lucy. A native of Richmond, VA, he is survived by his brother Willie and predeceased by his brother Frank.

Born in Richmond, VA on May 21, 1921, Andy served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1942-46 and married his high school sweetheart, Grace Elizabeth Baldwin, on May 29, 1943. After the war, Andy took advantage of the G.I. Bill and earned his B.A. degree at the University of Richmond in 1949 and his Master's Degree in Modern Languages at the University of Wisconsin in 1950.

Andy began his career as a French and Latin teacher in 1950 at Westminster High School. He was then principal at Taneytown High School from 1954-1958 before moving to Mt. Airy in 1958 to become principal there. After only one year, he was promoted to Supervisor of Special Education for the Maryland State Department of Education. During his 31 year career at the state, he held other positions including the State Supervisor of High Schools and Regional Coordinator for Western Maryland and later the Maryland Eastern Shore. Andy was active in both the Maryland and National Association for Secondary School Principals (MASSP and NASSP). The MASSP's annual golf tournament at the spring conference bears his name. Andy retired in 1990 after a 41-year career in education.

Andy was a two-time president and member of the Mt. Airy Kiwanis Club for over 50 years, and started the Key Club at South Carroll High School. He spearheaded a project in 1965 which established the first library in Mt. Airy. Andy headed the Mt. Airy Planning and Zoning Commission from 1966-1986 and was very active in American Legion Gold Star Post 191, serving as Post Commander in 1985-86. He was

the manager of Post 191's first Legion baseball team in 1973 and was the coordinator for the American Legion Maryland State Oratorical Contest. Andy was active in St. Michael's Catholic Church for over 50 years, belonged to the Knights of Columbus and was long-time treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 460. **Andy was elected into the Mt. Airy Hall of Fame in 2001.**

The family wishes to express special gratitude to Andy's long-time friend Joan Collins who visited and cared for him faithfully during his last few years at Lorien Assisted Living facility. We also want to thank Lorien Assisted Living staff for their fine care of Andy during his 3 ½ years in residence and to Carroll Hospice nurses and volunteers for all their comfort and care during the last 8 months.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday, August 9 at the St. Michael's Catholic Church at 1125 St. Michael's Road, Mt. Airy with the Rev. Michael Ruane officiating. Interment took place at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Richmond, VA. Donations may be made in his memory to Mt. Airy Kiwanis Club for South Carroll High School Key Club, Attn: Angela Moore, 718 Meadow Field Ct., Mt Airy, MD 21771, OR the Historical Society of Mt Airy MD, PO Box 244, Mt Airy, MD 21771.

Editor's Note: The following advertisement appeared in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on December 18, 1964. Don't you wish you could purchase those items today for the prices advertised then? Take note of the phone number shown in the lower right-hand corner of the ad.

Cold Weather Needs

Gloves for entire family 39c to \$1.98
Hats for entire family \$1.00 to \$1.98
Sweaters - Infants, Childrens, Ladies
\$1.00 and up
Boy's Daniel Boone Hooded Sweat
Shirts \$1.98
Men's Sweat Shirts \$1.69 - \$1.98
Boy's Flannel Shirts \$1.00
Boys and Girls Flannel Shirts and
Lined Pants Sets \$1.98
Rubber Boots - Children, Ladies \$1.98
Mens and Boys Artics \$4.98
Plastic Storm Windows, 2 for 39c and
39c
Bed Blankets \$2.49 to \$4.98

Watkins 5 & 10¢ Store

Mt. Airy, Md. Phone 10-W

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Althea Miller

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the April through September of 1964 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.

- Local builder, Donald E. Grigsby, has been authorized as a "World's Fair House Builder." As such he will construct a replica of the prototype of the Formica World's Fair House. The home will be constructed at the end of Flower Ave. in the Merridale Gardens development. 4/3/64
- On April 16 the members of the Mount Airy Garden Club will hold their 30th anniversary celebration at the Comus Inn. 4/3/64
- Lindsey Browning, chairman of the election committee along with Walter Spurrier and Harry Bellison, report that plans are being made for the biennial election of Mayor and Town Council on May 4. 4/3/64
- The 33rd Annual Father Son banquet was held on March 31 sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of Calvary Methodist Church. Greeting was extended by Leslie Rigler who introduced Milton Watkins, president and teachers Asa Watkins, Pearce Bowlus and George Free. 4/3/64
- The Mount Airy High School Band and Orchestra will present their 7th Annual Spring Concert on April 14. 4/3/64
- Miss Ann Guynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Guynn, has been awarded a full scholarship to Lutheran Hospital of Maryland. She will graduate from Mount Airy High School in June. 4/10/64
- Craig Edwards, a student in Mrs. Arlene Runkles seventh grade homeroom, won the annual spelling bee on April 2. Michael Mason, of Mrs. Butlers homeroom was the runner-up. 4/10/64
- The Citizens Meeting was held on April 13 with the following nominated for leadership of the town: for mayor Dr. Carl Van Poole and Norman Etzler...for two council seats Leonard Sherman, Ralph Williar, Charles Gendell, Harry Clower, Walter Brown and Dr. Lyndon Myers. 4/17/64
- The American Legion Americanism contest theme was "The Four Freedoms and What They Mean to Me." Gloria Clower was awarded first prize, Marilyn Baker second and Beverly Jane Jones third. The Gold Star Unit awarded these girls cash prized of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively. 4/17/64
- The volleyball season got underway on April 2. They dropped 3 games to Westminster. This week the girls play at Moton and North Carroll. The baseball team, coached by Robert Reck went into action on April 13 against Poolesville. 4/17/64
- Three Ridgeville businessmen filed an injunction against Mount Airy Town officials to restrain them from proceeding with the plans to annex Ridgeville. 4/24/64
- First graders from Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Strine and Miss Townes' classes presented a musical version of Madeline to the PTA Monday night. The play was directed by Mrs. Runkles and Miss Townes. Costumes were made by Mrs. Russell Ray and Mrs. Travis Norwood. 4/24/64
- The death of Howard F. Hood, local shoemaker, left the town without a cobbler for the first time since the 1920s. 4/24/64
- Enrollment is underway for kindergarten students at Calvary Methodist Church. Mrs. Donna Hague is the teacher and Mrs. Helen Plunkard, an instructional aide. If you are interested you may bring a child to visit by calling Mrs. Hague or Mrs. Plunkard. 4/24/64
- A total of 58 new registrants were placed on the books for the Corporation of Mount Airy making a total of 526 voters eligible to vote on May 4th from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Running for Mayor are Norman E. Etzler and Dr. Van Poole. The ticket for councilmen contains six aspirants, from which 3 will be selected: incumbents Ralph Williar and Harry Clower along with Walter Brown, Leonard Sherman, Charles Gendell and Richard Smith. 5/1/64

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Alpha Sigma Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently conducted the Ritual of Jewels which was conferred on: Mrs. Ralph Cunningham, Mrs. Richard Hague, Mrs. Harry Nikirk and Mrs. David Van Gosen. 5/1/64
 - Ann Burdette, a senior at Mount Airy High School made the high score in the competitive examination for seniors in Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard Counties. She was awarded a \$546 tuition scholarship to Strayer College. 5/1/64
 - Dr. Charles Van Poole was elected mayor on Monday with Harry Clower and Ralph Williar (incumbents) and Leonard Sherman chosen as councilmen. 5/8/64
 - The Garden Club Flower Show will be held on May 21 with the theme “Thirty Years of Diggin’, Weedin’ and Showin’” with Mrs. Clyde Boller as the chairperson. 5/8/64
 - Barbara Browning and Elaine Yohn have been selected to attend Girls State this summer. Summer Cullison will be the alternate. 5/8/64
 - The Mother Daughter Banquet was held at Calvary Methodist Church on May 5. Mrs. Edith Baker was toastmistress for the evening. Recognition in the form of a corsage was given to the youngest Mother—Mrs. Eddie Browning, oldest Mother (a tie)—Mrs. Arthur Gosnell and Mrs. W.P. Roberts and Mother with the most children—Mrs. Elwood Furr. 5/15/64
 - “Shangri-La” was the theme of this year’s prom in which the juniors entertained the seniors on May 9. Judy Porter and Bruce Clutter were selected King and Queen with Terry Sheetz and Robert Legore Prince and Princess. Sandy Cullison, president of the Junior Class and chairman of the prom welcomed the seniors and their guests. 5/15/64
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