

MUSEUM MEMOS

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Mount Airy Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner

The 2023 Class of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame will be officially inducted at the Historical Society of Mount Airy's annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner on Tuesday, March 21. The ceremony and dinner will be held at the American Legion Home on Prospect Road in Mount Airy.

Tickets are on sale. The price this year is \$30 per person. Tickets may be purchased from the Blossom & Basket Boutique, 3 North Main Street (behind the Mount Airy Station).

The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. and ending with the induction ceremony. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to this year's new Hall of Fame members: Peter Helt, Doctor Michael O'Brien, Ken Phebus, Joseph Rineer and Mayor Pat Rockinberg.

Please join us to honor our new, well-deserving Hall of Fame Inductees, to socialize with good friends, and to enjoy a delicious dinner.

WANTED

The Historical Society is looking for photos and artifacts related to the B&O Railroad, to Mount Airy businesses and industries, to the Garrett Sanitarium and 1940-1950s vintage railroad station equipment.

We are also looking for histories and photographs of historic homes in the town, biographies and photographs of people from Mount Airy's past, Civil War artifacts and correspondence from regiments that were posted in Mount Airy and Ridgeville during the war.

If you can help us out in any way please contact us at the museum or by email at:

historicalsocietyofmountairy@earthlink.net.

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 attract visitors to our museum and pay for new, informative, and eye-catching exhibits in the Mount Airy Museum.

- Doug & Bonnie Alexander
- Don & Linda Brightwell
- Pat Bean Dustin
- Doug & Sandy Dutterer
- Pat Norwood

We would also like to thank the people who have so generously donated their time to keep our museum open and complete the vast number of projects that keep the Historical Society operating.

Welcome New Members

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

- Pam Camuti
- Sandra Day
- Diane Lowe
- Cherri McConnell
- Jim McConnell
- Brittany Williams

We would also like to welcome new Life Members,

- Nellie Brown
- Tom & Peggy Fleming
- Peter & Tamara Helt

2023 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Historical Society of Mount Airy has selected its inductees into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame for 2023. These inductees are Peter Helt, Doctor Michael J O'Brien, Kenneth D. Phebus, Joseph Rineer, and Patrick T. Rockinberg. This group of inductees expands the overall membership to 130.

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

Peter Helt

1960 -
Serving Veterans and Community



Peter grew up in Maryland. He has a BS in history from Frostburg State College, where he met his wife Tammy. He received his Juris Doctor from University of Baltimore School of Law. Peter & Tammy have a daughter Phoebe Kerschner and a son Daniel Helt.

Peter has been involved in the town since moving here in 1993. In 2003 he was appointed to a vacant seat on the Council. Peter ran to keep that seat and was elected four times, before choosing not to seek a fifth term. He served as a Councilman, Council Secretary, Council President and Mayor. The projects he was involved with during those 16 years are too numerous to list. Since his law firm is near Town Hall, he was constantly involved in the day to day running of the town. Peter currently serves as Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals. He is an active member of several town organizations and can be found working at many events. He loves cycling and teaching the Bible. You can often find him riding a bike in the evenings in his Maryland Flag shirt.



Doctor Michael "Mike" O'Brien

1953 -
Veterinarian / Educator / Community Volunteer

Michael O'Brien was born in D.C. in 1953, the youngest in a family of four. His father, a WWII veteran and an attorney for the Federal government, was the Chief of the Department of Justice's Fraud Division. In 1960,



his father was appointed by President Kennedy as the U.S. Attorney for The Northern District of Illinois. So, the family moved to Chicago. Sadly, in 1963 Michael's father succumbed to breast cancer at age 50.

At that time Michael was 10. His mother went back to work as a secretary. Those times were tough for him, but tougher on his mother. Michael was heading in the wrong direction, doing poorly in school, hanging out with the wrong crowd, and getting into trouble. His mother boldly moved the family back to Maryland in 1966 where she had a brother and friends. They were trustful confidants, very helpful to the family and ensured Michael stayed out of trouble.

In the eighth grade, Mike began working after school as a small engine mechanic for a landscaper keeping his machines serviced. He was becoming a more focused, responsible teen, however his scholastics were dismal; He graduated high school with a C- average.

As he started at the University of Maryland in 1973, his interest in animals and their care was peaked. He was introduced to Dr. Allen Garst, whose family lived at and operated a Vet clinic in Walkersville. Michael came to Dr. Garst's practice on Friday afternoons, spent the night with his family and worked with him on Saturdays. THAT WAS IT . There was no going back. He drilled down. His grades substantially picked up. Dr. Garst was and continues to be his mentor.

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Doctor Michael “Mike” O’Brien

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Schooling was very tough for Michael, but he had a goal, and the stubbornness to see it through. He graduated with a BS in 1976 and Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Purdue University in 1981. Upon graduation and passing National and State boards, he worked with Dr. Garst.

In 1985, he bought Dr. Emmett Full’s practice and moved to Mount Airy. After 43 years of practice, he still loves it!

He moved to 806 Park Avenue in 1989. The property buildings were rehabbed on an as needed/as afforded basis. The dilapidated garage was first transformed into the clinic. The long task of rehabbing the house was a never-ending avocation, and where he learned woodworking skills.

Nanci Bernstrom and Michael were married in 2003, both for the first time! Nanci, a past Air Force captain, spent most of her life on the West coast. She earned both her BA and MA. She retired from a major West Coast telecom company’s Federal Public Policy offices in DC in 1998 after 30 years and moved to Mount Airy.

Ken Phebus

1945 -

Community Volunteer

Ken was born and raised along with his two sisters and brothers on a farm in Florence MD. The family moved off the farm when Ken was 10 years old to a single home in Florence. At the age of 15, Ken worked on the farm he had moved from and continued to work on the farm after graduating from Glenelg High School in 1963. He left the farm in the fall of 1963 and worked for the Howard County Highway Department for two and half years. Ken had joined the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Co. at age 16 and loved the fire department. So in 1966, he applied to the Baltimore County Fire Department. He was hired and started in July 1966. He retired from that department in February 1992 after 25 years of service.



Ken loves to travel and drive, so after retiring he was hired by Gunther Charters in 1995 to drive a motor coach. Ken got to travel to all 50 states and most of Canada.

Ken moved to Mount Airy in 1995 into a house on Carroll Ave. While working at Gunther, Ken met Judy who was the tour coordinator for Gunthers. They fell in love and got married in 2000. They both owned homes so they decided to sell both and built a new home in Mt. Airy.

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THE MT. AIRY THEATRE
FOR THE BEST IN ENTERTAINMENT

Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20
BIG DOUBLE FEATURE
“BLONDIE for VICTORY”
in which Blondie has Dagwood in splints
... and the Nation in stitches.
AND
ROY ROGERS
in
“SOUTH of SANTA FE”
An avalanche of super-fire entertainment

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24
“PARIS CALLING”
A gay offering guaranteed to delight.

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“PRIORITIES ON PARADE”

Ad from the Community Reporter January 12, 1968

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland Meets the first Tuesday of every month (except June, July and August) in the lower level of Mount Airy Fire Hall. The meetings begin at 7 pm. Please join us for interesting presentations on the events, businesses, people and history of Mount Airy.

After moving to Mount Airy Ken began attending the Town Council meetings and was soon appointed to the Board of Elections and the Streets and Roads Commissions. Ken was elected to the Town Council in 2014. While serving on the Town Council the Mount Airy Police Department was formed and placed in service, the caboose was refurbished and placed in Town, the rails to trails opened and Ken is most proud that he was very instrumental with the Town purchasing the train station for the home of the now Historical Society Museum. Ken is a life member of the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, the Mount Airy Historical Society, the Howard Farm Museum and the Baltimore County Firefighters Retirees Association.

Ken is married to Judy and has two children and three grandchildren. Judy retired from Gunther Tours but Ken and Judy decided to run bus tours for the MS society. They raised \$50,000 in one year. Ken and Judy also ran bus tours for Mount Airy Senior Center to help raise funds for the center to buy needed equipment.

In 2017 Ken and Judy moved to Oakcrest Retirement Community in Parkville, Md. Ken and Judy return monthly to Mount Airy to help with the Historical Society Museum.

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Ad from the Community Reporter of March 26, 1943

Joseph Rineer

1944 -

Businessman / Community Advocate

Joe Rineer, Jr. was born December 31, 1944 and raised in Rosedale, Maryland. He is the son of Joseph, Sr. and Stella Rineer.



Joe has been married to his wife, Kaye, for 44 years and has three daughters, Alyson, Kim and Joy. He is blessed with five grandchildren, Gracie, Joshua, Ashleigh, Alex and Katie and two great-grandchildren Chloe and Mason.

As a young boy in Baltimore, Joe loved to play baseball. At the age of 9, he took an interest in Duckpin Bowling... a very popular game in the Baltimore area. Joe became a professional duckpin bowler traveling all over the East Coast. Over the years, Joe won in excess of 20 bowling tournaments and continues as an active professional bowler.

Joe proudly served his country for four years in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Over the years we have been blessed to meet and get to know four generations of Mount Airy families. What a delightful statistic!

Joe became a Manager at Greenway Bowl East and White Oak Lanes. He moved on to purchase Sykesville Lanes, Stoneleigh Lanes, Walkersville Lanes, Greenmount Bowl and "Mt. Airy Duckpin Lanes", Joe's "dream of a lifetime". On September 1, 1976, Joe purchased Mt. Airy Lanes. He has developed a deep love and respect for the town and people of Mt. Airy. In 1978, lightning struck the panel box at the lanes during the night causing a fire with extensive damage. He had immediate help from local firefighters, bowlers and community members hoping to reopen. The love began. We were closed for only 3½ months due to the rapid community support. Mt Airy Lanes continues to be a place where you are only a stranger once.

We do our best to support local businesses and provide a memorable experience to every customer. We hope to continue servicing the Mt. Airy Community for many years to come. Alyson will be continuing Joe's Legacy.

Thank you Mt. Airy!!

Patrick "Pat" T. Rockinberg

1962 - 2021

24th Mayor / Community Volunteer



Patrick Rockinberg was born in Washington, DC, on September 7, 1962, and grew up in Prince George's County. After graduating from high school, Pat concentrated on a career in building services and earned a number of certifications and licenses, including the National Engineering License, District of Columbia

3rd Class Operating Engineers License, Maryland 1st Class Operating Engineers License, and more. He worked for the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology for 30 years, where he rose to the position of Director of Building Services.

Pat and his wife Kathleen relocated to Mount Airy, Maryland, in 1994. When Kathleen passed away in 2001, Pat was left to raise his daughter Sierra alone. Before entering local politics, he was a single father who recognized the need for youth engagement within the community. He pushed for and oversaw the establishment of a Teen Center. Realizing the benefits of community service, Pat joined the town's Recycling and Sanitation Commission and later served on the Planning Commission.

Pat won the 2010 mayoral election. Soon after, he earned the affectionate nickname "Mayor Pat." Pat took over when the Town Council's civility was in question; he worked to establish and nurture a more admirable, polite approach toward local politics. During Mayor Pat's tenure, he was a confident leader through two major natural disasters; the Tornado of 2018 and the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020. As mayor, Pat established a task force to investigate the need for a Mount Airy police department, which resulted in the department's formation. When the Carroll County Board of Education considered redistricting school zones, Pat played a crucial role in ensuring Mount Airy Elementary School remained open. Mayor Pat established the Sustainability Commission to promote and teach green lifestyles in our daily lives, enhance the quality of life in our community, and protect the environment. Mayor Pat backed the purchase of the

Mount Airy Train Station, which now houses the Historical Society's Museum, the addition of Rails to Trails, and the historic caboose situated in Downtown Mount Airy. The Mount Airy Main Street Association, the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, and any regional activities that supported economic development received his support. Mayor Pat established the Frank Johnson Volunteer of the Year award to recognize Mount Airy residents for their commitment and labor of love.

In 2017 Mayor Pat received a diagnosis of cancer. While fighting for his life, he never wavered in his dedication to the town or his duties as mayor. Pat will be most fondly recalled for his selfless devotion, leadership, and eagerness to assist neighbors outside of his mayoral responsibilities. The Simpson-Baker-Bowlus Pop-Up Park, located at the old bank building in Historic Downtown, was his last donation to Mount Airy. During the tumultuous times of an international pandemic, this park offered a secure gathering place for local residents. On August 29, 2021, Mayor Pat lost his battle with cancer. He had served the community as mayor for 11 years.

KEEP WELL EAT MORE
Energy Building ESKAY MEATS

SK Steer Chuck Roast.....	28c; 3 Cornered.....	30c
SK Steer Rib Roast.....	30c; SK Steer Round Steak.....	42c
Sirloin Steak.....	44c; SK Smoked Hams, 1/2 or whole.....	38c
Smoked Picnics.....		35c

OYSTERS — VEAL — LAMB — LIVER — LUNCH MEATS
CHEESE — FRYING AND BAKING CHICKENS

Mo-an-Mo Pancake Flour 2—	15c; Harvest Time Buckwheat 5—	25c
Harvest Time Pancake Flour...5—	27c; King Syrup, 2-lb. jar...17c	
Softasilk Cake Flour.....	27c; Premium Crackers.....	19c
Pillsbury's Sno-Sheen Cake Flour.....		25c
McCormick's Vanilla, 1 oz....	20c; Lemon, 2 oz....	39c; Colors.....
Cut-Rite Waxed Paper, 125-ft. roll.....		17c
Borax, Octagon and P & G Soap 5—	23c; Clorox, pts. 2—	21c, qts. 19c
Sweetheart, Lux and Camay Soap....	3—	22c; Rinso, lg.....
Swan Soap, lg....	10c, med....	6c; Ivory Flakes, lg....
Duz, lg.....		23c, med....
		10c, giant.....
		63c

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Add from the Community Reporter of February 5, 1943

NOTE: The following article was from the Community Reporter of January 18, 1943. It is reprinted as it appeared.

Per Capita Cost of Carroll Education Placed At \$72.33

County Owns Buildings and Equipment, Debt Free, Valued At \$1,300,000, Report Shows.

To provide one day's education for the average student in Carroll County during the past year, taxpayers laid out only 40¢, according to the annual report of the Board of Education of Carroll County for the 1941-1942 year.

The cost per pupil for the entire year high and elementary, white and colored, exclusive of capital outlay, was \$72.33.

Carroll County does not foot the entire educational bill although schools took 62¢ from Carroll's tax levy of 90¢, leaving 28¢ for other county functions. The county must pay for all capital outlays, including new buildings and equipment. Carroll pays approximately 50% of the educational costs; the balance comes from State sources, collected, of course, from the State tax rate or other sources.

Carroll does not owe a single dime on her school buildings which, together with equipment, are now valued at \$1,300,000. The several buildings are covered by insurance distributed among the various county agencies.

Transportation of pupils from the one-room school to the point of consolidation, a point of considerable argument some years ago when the centralization plan was begun, does not represent an intolerable burden to taxpayers. The cost was \$20.69 per pupil last year, or 11.4¢ per day. A total of 4,404 pupils were carried last year.

In 1941-1942 there were 119 teachers in the white elementary schools of Carroll; 84 in the white high schools and 13 in the colored schools. The average salary last year was \$1,366 for white elementary and \$1,440 for white high school teachers.

Approximately 10% of the graduates from the Carroll schools enter a liberal arts college each year. Last year the high schools of the county graduated 154 white boys, 212 white girls, six colored boys and 15 colored

girls. Carroll schools have inaugurated a definite program to adjust the curriculum to wartime conditions. They are laying more stress upon fundamentals of mathematics in the elementary grades, placing greater emphasis upon geography, paying more attention to physical education and the development of good health habits, participating actively in stamp, bond and scrap drives.

Editor's Note: For comparison, in 2023 there were 24,568 students enrolled in the 44 Carroll County Public Schools (20 Preschool, 24 Elementary, 10 Middle, 11 High). There were 1,739 Teachers. Spending per student is now \$15,139 per year. The school year includes 180 student days, so the daily cost per student is \$84.11. The graduation rate is 96%, the highest in the state.



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Ad from the Community Reporter of January 8, 1943

OFFICERS

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Larry Valett, Vice-President
B. J. Dixon, Secretary
Diann Linton, Treasurer

Note: During World War II letters to home from soldiers on the war front were often printed in local papers. The following letter from Private Robert "Frog" Smith appeared in the Community Reporter on February 26, 1943. It is reprinted as it appeared.

**Pvt. Robert (Frog) Smith Pays
\$2.50 for Chicken**

**Local Boy, With the American Forces
In Africa, Describes Life In Army.**

Pvt. Robert (Frog) Smith, who is now helping turn back Rommel's forces in Africa, in a letter to his brother, Teen, and wife, observes: "I received your Christmas card about a week ago and this is the first chance I have had to write. I also got the Christmas package from the Fire Company. And you can tell them that the cookies were enjoyed by all.

"Oh, yes, I got two Community Reporters today. The first to get here. I was surprised to see Business men and Independents tied for first place in the bowling league.

"This country is a great deal different from the U. S., but I can't tell you much about it. They have some nice buildings here in the town, mostly four or five stories high, which are run by the French.

"Just finished a game of soft ball; Rebels against the Yanks; the Yanks won.

"I have been feeling fine and getting enough to eat. We buy eggs, chickens and hogs from the people here. We pay 3 cents for one egg and \$2.50 for a chicken. The natives start high and we have to jew them down.

"I got a Christmas card from Miss Hilda Ridenour, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, but I don't know her. Find out who she is. Tell Elizabeth Ann that I said hello. - FROG

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Ad from the Community Reporter February 26, 1943

The following story is from the Community Reporter of January 29, 1943

**"Wonderful to Read Community Reporter"
in England, Soldier Says**

News has been received from Staff Sergeant Sterling E. Harrison, son of Mrs. Erbin Harrison, of near Mt. Airy, from somewhere in England. An excerpt from one of his recent letters reads:

"I am well and happy. I visited I visited London for a few days and saw many of the beautiful buildings. The two most interesting were Westminster Abbey and St. Johns Cathedral. One really has to see them to enjoy their beauty. I also saw many of the bombed places, but they are cleared away shortly after they happen. Aside from the damp weather things do not seem so different over here. At times, I hardly realize I am so far from home."

"But most important of all, don't let my subscription to the Community Reporter expire. I receive it regularly. It is so wonderful to read the news from home when you are so far away."

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<small>FOR QUALITY AND ECONOMY</small>		SK Steer Round Steak...42c; Sirloin...44c	
		SK Steer Chuck Roast...28c; 3 Cornered...30c	
		SK Smoked Hams, 1/2 or wh.....37c	
		Swift's Premiums, 1/2 or wh.....38c	
		Sliced Bacon.....21c; Hog Liver.....25c	
OYSTERS — VEAL — LAMB — LIVER — LUNCH MEATS			
CHEESE — FRYING AND BAKING CHICKENS			
Minute Man Soup Mix.....3—27c;	McCormick's Mustard.....9c		
Welch's Grape Juice, pts.....23c, qts.....45c;	King Syrup.....17c		
Gold Medal Flour, 5-lb. bag.....28c, 12-lb. bag.....59c			
Pillsbury's Pancake Flour.....2—17c, Buckwheat.....2—23c			
Lifebuoy, Lux and Palmolive Soap.....3—22c			
Swan and Ivory Soap, lg...10c, med...6c;	San Fay Tissue...3—29c		
Cut-Rite Waxed Paper, 40-ft. roll.....6c, 125-ft. roll.....17c			
Octagon Soap.....5—23c; Rinso, lg.....23c, reg.....10c			
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PHONE 65-W		MT. AIRY	

Ad from the Community Reporter January 6, 1943

Looking Back Fifty Years October – December 1968

Compiled by Althea Miller

The information for this look back in time was compiled from articles in the January through March 1973 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.

- Bi-county status creates problems for Mount Airy – Much is being said about the bi-county setup – the biggest headache involving the educational setup – probably because Mayor Lewis Dixon is a “go getter” and he is weary of the problem being caused by the town being divided between Carroll and Frederick counties..
1/5/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Brunner, Jr. announce the birth of their first child, a son, on Friday, December 22nd. Mrs. Brunner is the former Patricia Moxely of Mount Airy. 1/5/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Lowe announce the birth of their first child, a son, Alvie Lee, on December 23rd. Mrs. Lowe is the former Patricia Ecker of Mount Airy. 1/5/73
- Annual Barbara Fritchie birthday sale: Chris Custer, Inc. Annual Clearance of Super Bargains -
1964 Lialant – ‘Slant six’ wagon – Standard transmission \$288 engine good – rear end a little moth eaten
1962 Opel Olympia – wagon runs well – termites using for temporary home, can be evacuated
Above cars sold AS-IS – there is no inspection – No guarantee. 1/5/73
- Larry Van Sant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanford Van Sant, made the Dean’s List during the first semester at Wesleyan College, Buckannon, W. Va., 1/12/73
- The Carroll County Philatelic Association elects officers for 1973: President – Herman Beck, Vice President – Ron Beck, Treasurer – Ted Myers of Westminster, Secretary – Neda Barnes, Auctioneer – Raymond Reed, Assistant Auctioneer – Kenneth Burdette, Auctioneer Clerk – Lynn Burdette and Libby Channal.
1/12/73
- Funeral services were held for Walter Spurrier who died January 15th. He was the husband of Naomi Day Spurrier and was a graduate of Mount Airy High School Class of 1915. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Prudence Chapter No. 95 Order of the Eastern Star Mount Airy. Mr. Spurrier was a life member of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and a former member of the Kiwanis Club. He started the Little League in Mount Airy and was a Councilman and a 2-term Mayor of Mount Airy. He was the manager and bookkeeper of the Mt. Airy Milling Company. Mr. Spurrier also was a former president of Pine Grove Cemetery and he was a World War I veteran. 1/19/73
- Mike Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mason has been named to the Dean’s List of honor students in France with an opportunity to take side trips to London, Geneva or Italy. 1/19/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholson celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on January 22nd. They are the parents of Mrs. Mildred Haines, Buffalo Road, Mount Airy. 1/26/73
- There will be a service of “thanks” tomorrow, January 27th at Calvary United Methodist Church. Reverend James E. Talley cordially invites everyone to church in thanksgiving for the end of the Vietnam War.
1/26/73

Looking Back Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Mt. Airy Pioneers held their January meeting at the home of Dr. Emmett Full. Bruce Witte discussed a theater program he presented on January 24th. Dr. Full spoke to the group about the beef situation, a club project telling members all steers have to be weighed and tattooed before the first of March. The group then enjoyed ice skating on the Full's pond. 1/26/73
- March of Dimes is very successful in Mount Airy and contributions tripled those of last year. Those who willingly collected in Mount Airy with Mrs. Jean Colburn, local chairman, were Elizabeth Bennett, Jane Mongold, Jean Knill, Ann Starsfield, Teresa Dorsey, Anne Van Sant, Bonnie Webb, Alameda Moxely and Joan Farrell. 2/2/73
- The Mt. Airy Players are planning auditions for their next play. "Harvey" will be presented here in April. 2/2/73
- The South Carroll High School is sponsoring a comedy basketball game between the Harlem Diplomats and the Faculty All-Stars on February 7th. The Diplomats combine antic comedy with basketball know-how and in addition play football and baseball and razzle-dazzle the referees. 2/2/73
- The Westinghouse plant in Sykesville will sponsor South Carroll's candidate for the Maryland Scholar Athlete Award. This year's selection is Jeff Schlotterbeck of Mount Airy. He was varsity football captain in his senior year and has earned varsity letters in football, baseball and basketball. He served as class president freshman and sophomore years, is a student government representative, a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was in the 1972 Maryland Boys State. 2/2/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pickett announce the engagement of their daughter, Bette Ann, to Leonard Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Vaughn of Shepherdstown, W.Va. Miss Pickett is 1968 graduate of South Carroll High School and is a senior at Shepherd College majoring in elementary education. Mr. Vaughn is a 1968 graduate of Martinsburg High School and Shepherd, and is presently teaching music at Franklin Elementary School in Franklin, W.Va. 2/2/73
- Kris Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burns of Park Avenue earned a 4.0 grade average for the fall semester at Mesa College, San Diego, California. 2/9/73
- Mary Ellen Bey spoke to the seventh grade at Mount Airy about interior decorating as a career and the training and qualities necessary for this service. She spoke fondly of her specialty, which is the restoration of old houses. Mrs. Bey was the latest in a series of guest speakers for career development. Other speakers have been Doug Alexander, who spoke of a career as a fireman; George Leiby, introducing students to computer engineering and Robert Hilton, who told about the construction field. 2/9/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frizzell announce the birth of their second son, Craig Eugene, on January 12th. Mrs. Frizzell is the former Diana Hilton of Sykesville.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Baker are the proud parents of their first child, a son, Matther Aaron, born January 25th.
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Baker announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Valerie Jill, on February 2nd. Mrs. Baker is the former Cindy Lare. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baker and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs Stanley Lare. 2/9/73
- Carn Dornheim, former agent of Peoples Life Insurance Co. and well known in Mount Airy has retired after 30 years of service. 2/16/73
- J. Edward Chaney, Sr. was honored with a surprise dinner on his 85th birthday, February 11th, at his home. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchild helped to make the day memorable. 2/16/73

Looking Back Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

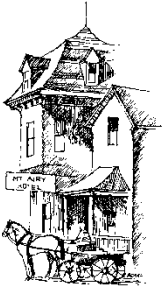
- Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon L. Myers of Laurel announce the birth of their first child, an 8 lb. son, Lyndon Taylor (Tad) on Valentine's Day. Tad's grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Lyndon B. Myers of Mount Airy and Tad's father, "Sonny", graduated from Mount Airy High School, Class of 1961. 2/23/73
- Kaye Kolb, program director of WTTR in Westminster, spoke to the 7th and 8th grade students about careers in radio. A pleasing voice and a personality are important because a radio station survives upon its ability to sell commercials. A station must have something different if it is to survive. This explains why WTTR plays country and a softer music than the harder Rock and Roll of the three Baltimore radio stations. 2/23/73
- On February 26th, the Mount Airy Planning and Zoning Commission gave final approval for the development of the Mount Airy Shopping Center at the intersection of the 27 Bypass and Rt. 144. The plans are to have at the center a Safeway Store, Drug Fair, Savings and Loan Bank, beauty parlor and many smaller shops. The final decision came after two years of discussion with the zoning commission. They also gave approval of a cold storage firm to locate near the B&O Railroad tracks. The area is located on Hill Street and is owned by George Grug and Mervin Weiner. The Florena Beef Co. of Baltimore wants to use the site for cold storage. 3/2/73
- The "Bowl for Heart" Tournament held at the Mt. Airy Lanes February 12th – 17th netted \$250.⁰⁰. Volunteers assisting Zeke Watkins during the week were: Evelyn Spencer, Dot Watkins, Linda FLickinger, Catherine Rippeon, Nancy Frizzell, Anna Kidd, Ray Martin, Wayne Logue, Kitty Lowman, Ginny Summers, Ann Dasch, Dick Hammond, Jane Wagner, Bonnie Mullinix, Sue Lansa, Bob Lowman, Thelma Spurrier and Charlotte Lare. 3/2/73
- In Middle School news, the career topic was education. Frank Miller, Vice Principal of South Carroll High School, spoke on different training and certification needed to be a teacher, administrator or supervisor. Education is complicated because it tries to serve the needs of society and the individual. 3/2/73
- The Gosnell's Corner Basketball Team representing Mount Airy in the league of the Frederick County Recreation Association clinched the final playoff game. The team consisted of Mike Alexander, Piet DeWitt, Dale Hough, Wayne Hough, Ben Hulver, Dick Lee, Woodrow Powell, Steve Pope, George Richardson and Winford Winkler. 3/9/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rigler celebrated their golden anniversary at the Fireman's Activity Building with over 300 guests. The children of the Riglers planned the reception for their parents who were married on February 14th, 1923. The Riglers have two sons, Leslie B. Rigler, Jr. of Bel Air, Tim Rigler of Mount Airy, and one daughter, Jean Swomley, of Mt. Pleasant. 3/16/73
- Miss Billie Rose Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Moss and Roger William Tabler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tabler, were married recently. Miss Doris Tabler, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Sallie Moss and Miss Debra Conelly. Best man was Lee VanSant and ushers were William Mitchell of Lisbon and Larry Frederickson of Mount Airy. 3/23/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Luther McDonough announce the birth of their fifth child and third daughter, Dawn Lynn, on March 14th at Frederick Memorial Hospital. 3/23/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Donald Steele Jackson of Hampstead announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Ann to John Reynolds Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson. Miss Jackson is employd by the Carroll County Board of Education and graduated from the University of Maryland. Mr. Simpson graduated from Virginia Polytechnical Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia and is an electrical engineer with the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Silver Spring. 2/23/73

Looking Back Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- March 26th at the Planning and Zoning Meeting for Mount Airy, the Apple Development was discussed. This company of Iamsville is scheduled to build around 300 townhouses and a few single family residences on the property facing Rt. 144 just below what was the Hahn's Garage and east of the entrance to Remsberg's farm. The entrance to this development would be on N. Main Street at the site of the former home of Effie Stem. The plan has preliminary approval but is subject to the concurrence of the Town Engineer and State Health Department. 3/30/73
- Three boy scouts of Mount Airy will earn their Eagle Scout Award on March 2. The candidates are: Ralph Holweck, Gary Merritt and Jim Smith. 3/1/68
- Two local women have been named to the Dean's list at their respective colleges. Helen Elizabeth Bowlus is a student at St. Joseph's College at Emmitsburg. Barbara Browning is a student at Shepherd College. Both are graduates of Mount Airy High School. 3/8/68
- Dr. and Mrs. Herman Wilson will participate in the program for the WSCS of Calvary Methodist Church. Dr. Wilson, Administrator of the Asbury Methodist Home from 1927 to 1963, is a native of Mount Airy. 3/15/68
- The fifth production of the Mount Airy Players, "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dreamhouse," will be presented tonight in the middle school auditorium. A partial listing of the cast includes: Yvonne Ogren, Peggy Leatherwood, Erika Dods, Roxanne Harrison, Ellis Leatherwood, Janice Leatherwood, Mark Dixon, Caroline Richards, Julia Boller, Mildred Dixon, Melody Badger, Jack Steele and Charles Beck. 3/22/68
- The choir at Calvary Methodist Church will present an Easter Cantata entitled "Crucifixion" by Stainer on Sunday, March 31. The soprano soloist will be Mrs. Hazel Wright; tenor—David Manley and Jack Steele; and bass Norman Etzler and Delaine Hobbs. A quartet will also perform including: Mrs. Richard Wilson, Mrs. David Dennis, Robert Wagner and George Free. 3/29/68



1940 Mount Airy Pants Factory Staff at the Prospect Road Plant



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