



# MUSEUM MEMOS

Mt. Airy Museum Newsletter



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## The President's Pen

*Mike Eacho*

### PLEASE READ!

The Mount Airy Museum is operated totally through the efforts the volunteers of the Historical Society of Mount Airy. Without our volunteers, the museum would close. More and more, the same few people are being asked to keep the door to our museum open to visitors. The Historical Society is in desperate need of more volunteers to act as docents in the museum so that we can share the history of our town with our neighbors and visitors. Please, spare some time in your busy schedules to welcome guests to the Mount Airy Museum. We ask for only a couple of hours every month. The work involves nothing more than greeting visitors, answering a few questions and possibly unlocking the doors at the beginning of the day or locking up at the end of the day. You will meet some wonderful people and you may learn some interesting things about Mount Airy.

Thanks to you all of you who have volunteered so much of your time helping us make the Historical Society run so effectively and for creating and maintaining such a fine town history museum.

## Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

The Museum is open  
Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon until 4 p.m.,  
Wednesday from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. during the  
Farmer's Market season and  
during the hours of special town events.

## 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.

- Beverly Green
- Clarice Runkles
- All the visitors to the Mount Airy Museum who have dropped money into our donation box.

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:

- Samuela "Sam" Dongma-Zebaze
- Olivia Keuhner
- Peter & Roberta Szydio
- John & Janet Weaver

Sam, a senior at South Carroll High School, and Olivia, a sophomore at Towson State University, have been helping us with several important projects over the summer.

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## Mr. C. Oscar Baker Passes Away



Well-respected C. Oscar Baker, of Mount Airy, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 23 at Lorien Assisted Living in the town he loved. Oscar celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends on June 24, 2022. He was the youngest of three children born to the late Oscar Lee and Bessie Brashears Baker in Mount Airy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Earl Baker; and sister, Mae Lowman. Oscar was married to the late Edith Baker in 1947. He is survived by three sons, Glenn (Kimberly), of Easton, Maryland, Jerry (Kathy), of Mount Airy, and Dennis (Stephanie), of Roseville, California; grandsons, Seth Baker (Felicia) and Carson Baker (Rheanne); step-granddaughter, Courtney Votey (Will); great-grandchildren, Gabe, Jazmine, Justin, Thaddeus, Aubrynn and Charlotte; and his beloved cockatiel, Rufus. Oscar grew up on numerous farms around Mount Airy and graduated from Mount Airy High School in 1939. He was drafted into the Army in March of 1943, took basic training in Fort Lewis, Washington, and was selected for the Army's ASTP program, starting at University of Idaho and continuing at the University of Oregon. He was assigned to the 11th Armored Division under Patton's Third Army, and he was sent to England, France and then Belgium, where he saw action in the Battle of the Bulge. On Jan. 2, 1945, he was wounded in action and evacuated to

hospitals in Paris, France and Scotland. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He entered the Federal Fire Service in 1948 at NOL, then transitioned to Walter Reed Hospital. In 1965, he was chosen as the first fire chief at NBS (now NIST) in Gaithersburg. He retired from NBS in 1979 and began work as an emergency services coordinator in Carroll County, helping implement 911 and opening the new fire training center in Westminster. Two passions dominated Oscar's life: fire service and community. He served as president of the PTA and Little League, and was the last living charter member of Mount Airy American Legion Post 191. He chaired the committee that brought senior housing to Wildwood Park, where he and Edith were the first residents.

Beyond his family, the Volunteer Fire Service was Oscar's life and love. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company (MAVFC) was the touchstone of that dedication of which he joined in 1941. At the time of his passing, he was an 81-year member and a 70-year active member. Serving as president from 1952-1956, he was instrumental in acquiring Carroll County's first ambulance, the Mount Airy carnival grounds and the activities building. During these years, Oscar was an instructor with the University of Maryland Fire Extension Service. Oscar served as president of the Carroll County Volunteer Fireman's Association in 1965 and 1991. He was president of the Maryland State Fireman's Association in 1978-1979 after being chairman of the Maryland State Fire Prevention Committee for eight years.

In 2002, MAVFC dedicated its new fire station to Oscar and recognized his many accomplishments by sponsoring the Past President C. Oscar Baker Rookie of the Year Award given annually at the MSFA convention in June. This award honors a rookie emergency service provider just beginning his/her career. Oscar always strived to make things better for the volunteers throughout the county and state. Through his leadership roles, he taught and mentored many people.

Oscar's accomplishments were recognized through his induction into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame, the Carroll County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, and the

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**Mr. C. Oscar Baker Passes Away (Continued)**

Maryland State Fireman’s Association Hall of Fame.

Oscar had an enthusiastic smile and handshake that always made you welcome in his presence. He was curious about who you were, how you were, where you were from, and where you were headed. He simply had a way of making your day better when your paths crossed. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Lorien (ALF) and Gilchrist Hospice care for helping their Dad complete his journey. We also can’t thank enough the brotherhood and sisterhood of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company community — people who have shown Oscar all the love throughout the years!

**Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland Website**

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland has a very informative website that may be viewed by anyone with internet access. The site is actually a combination of four different websites: the Historical Society, the Mount Airy Museum, the Mount Airy Caboose (MAC) and Rails to Trails. Each has current and historic photos for your enjoyment and information and histories of the locations and organizations. The site also provides past editions of the Historical Society’s newsletters and information on upcoming events. You will also find one of our unique features, the “Artifact of the Month”, which shows one of the numerous artifacts found in the Historical Society’s collection and provides a brief description on this artifact. View the website at:  
<https://www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org/>

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Advertisement from the Community Reporter of Friday, August 5, 1932

**Murder, Mayhem and Mystery**

Learn about Mount Airy’s mysterious, tragic and spooky past through a guided tour of our historic Main Street and listen to some stories that may come from beyond the grave.

Come join us for this informative and fun tour of some of Mount Airy’s historic sites. Tour check-in is at the Mount Airy Museum. It begins at the west end of the Rails to Trails, goes past the Mount Airy Station, up North Main Street to Church Street, then down North Main and ends at Hood Street. The tour takes approximately 1½ hours and is a moderately strenuous walk. It is not wheelchair accessible, but an effort is being made to arrange for bus tours in the future. Tickets for the walking tour are \$13 each with the proceeds going toward the “Preserve the Flat Iron Building” Fund. Tour groups are limited to 20 people each. Tickets can be purchased at the Mount Airy Museum during our normal hours or through Event Brite beginning on September 23. The schedule for tours is currently as follows:

Date	Day	First Tour	Second Tour
Oct 14	Friday	None	7pm
Oct 15	Saturday	5pm	7pm
Oct 16	Sunday	5pm	7pm
(RAIN DATE) Oct 18	Tuesday	5pm	7pm
Oct 21	Friday	None	7pm
Oct 22	Saturday	5pm	7pm
Oct 23	Sunday	5pm	7pm
(RAIN DATE) Oct 25	Tuesday	5pm	7pm
Oct 28	Friday	None	7pm
Oct 29	Saturday	5pm	7pm
Oct 30	Sunday	5pm	7pm
(RAIN DATE) Nov 1	Tuesday	5pm	7pm

The first tours given in August were a huge success with many positive comments. Please join us for this enjoyable Fall event.

## Wanted

Old photographs and memorabilia of the people, places and events of Mount Airy, Maryland. Bring our town's history to those who didn't help make it!

**Editor's Note:** The following story is from the Community Reporter of Friday, September 30, 1932. Mary Virginia Ford Shipley was born September 24, 1824. She was the daughter of Samuel Ford and Elizabeth Waters Ford. Mary Ford married to Bradley G. Shipley on January 7, 1863 in Baltimore. They had six children. Bradley G. Shipley died January 8, 1902. Mary Shipley died January 29, 1937. They are both buried in Pine Grove Cemetery.

### **Mt. Airy's Oldest Resident Tendered Dinner on Birthday**

#### **Mrs. Bradley G. Shipley is Remembered by Friends on Her Ninetieth Birthday.**

In honor of her ninetieth birthday, Mrs. Bradley G. Shipley, Mt. Airy's oldest resident, was tendered a dinner by her two daughters, Miss Mollie Shipley and Miss Bessie Shipley at the old homestead on Main street, here last Saturday. Those present included her son, Ernest L. Shipley and Mrs. Shipley and Rev. A. L. Harnsberger and Mrs. Harnsberger.

Mrs. Shipley was remembered by her best of friends and relatives on her ninetieth birthday and received many cards, flowers and gifts.

She is the only surviving child of Samuel and Elizabeth Ford, of Hyattstown, Montgomery County. Her brothers and sisters were William, Theopolis, Bettie, Maggie and Mary. A carpenter by trade, Mr. Ford was employed by Mr. Shipley's cousin, John Gardner, contractor of Hyattstown.

Several months before the country plunged into the Civil War, Mr. Ford moved his family from Hyattstown to Baltimore. It was in Baltimore that Mary Virginia Ford was married to Bradley G. Shipley, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. To that union was born six children, Augustus, Bradley, Jr., Mollie, Bessie, Ernest and George. Two sons, Bradley, Jr., and George are deceased.

#### **Mob Attacks Massachusetts Regiment.**

For one of her years, Mrs. Shipley possesses a remarkable memory. The attack upon a regiment of Massachusetts soldiers enroute to the front by an

infuriated mob of Southern sympathizers in Baltimore during the early months of the Civil War is recalled by Mrs. Shipley, although the incident occurred while she was still in her 'teens. She also remembers the terrible smallpox epidemic which swept Baltimore many years ago. At the time, Mrs. Shipley explained, deaths were so frequent that the bodies were hauled away as so much garbage by teamsters who made their rounds calling out "Bring us your dead".

Mrs. Shipley has been a member of Trinity M. E. Church, South, since it was established in Mt. Airy and still attends services when the weather permits. The Shipley's moved from Baltimore to Plane No. four in 1877, staying there three years. Since that time, with the exception of several years in Winchester, Va., the family has resided in Mt. Airy

#### **Railroad Man.**

The Shipleys, for many years, have been connected with the B&O. Mr. Shipley at one time served the company in an official capacity and had a service record of 42 years; Augustus, 32 years, now pensioned; Ernest L., 42 years, still in service; George W., seven years at death.

Mrs. Shipley enjoys the unique honor of being the oldest living resident of Mt. Airy. She has enjoyed splendid health and has seen the town grow from a few homes to its present size. The Community Reporter joins Mrs. Shipley's best friends wishing for her many more years of health and contentment.

<b>SPECIALS</b>	
OCTAGON SOAP, 10 bars.....	30c
3 bars PALMOLIVE SOAP and a 10c package of SUPER SUDS, all for.....	<b>25c</b>
Silver Medal SALAD DRESSING, Pint.....	15c
Gold Medal OATS with Tumbler.....	10c
GRAPE NUT FLAKES, 2 pkgs.....	25c
AUNT LUCY'S SAUSAGE, lb.....	20c

**D. E. Smith**  
Mt. Airy, Md.

Advertisement from the Community Reporter of  
Friday, September 16, 1932

**Editor's Note:** The following story is from the Community Reporter of Friday, September 30, 1932.

## Watersville Road Will Be Opened Next Friday

### Remaining Mile of Concrete Highway Will Be Built Next Year, It Is Believed.

Residents of Watersville and nearby sections will for the first time next Friday, have an opportunity to enjoy what has long been only a fond hope – a concrete road connecting with the Mt. Airy – Westminster highway.

Although the people of that vicinity will not be completely out of the mud when the new road is opened for traffic they will at least have the satisfaction of being able to drive half the distance here over a hard surfaced road. The remainder of the project, approximately a mile, will be built next year, it is believed.

Announcement that the road would be opened to traffic next Friday was made this week. With the laying of concrete completed and the shoulders practically finished, all that remains to be done is the construction of the headwall which is scheduled to be started yesterday.

## Historic Homes of Mount Airy Self-Guided Tour

Thanks to the efforts of our newest volunteer, Olivia Keuhner, the Historical Society of Mount Airy has produced a new brochure (front cover shown below) that guides visitors around Mount Airy to highlight many of the oldest homes in town.

The self-guided tour begins on the north end of Mount Airy at 308 Buffalo Road, progresses up and down the streets of town and ends at 1401 S. Main Street at the south end of town.





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<b>\$3.95 Slacks</b> .....	<b>\$3.29</b>
<b>\$5.00 Slacks</b> .....	<b>\$3.95</b>
<b>\$4.95 Slack Suits</b> .....	<b>\$3.95</b>
<b>59c Summer Ties</b> .....	<b>49c</b>
<b>\$1.00 Straw Hats</b> .....	<b>79c</b>
<b>\$1.50 Straw Hats</b> .....	<b>98c</b>
<b>\$1.85 Straw Hats</b> .....	<b>\$1.39</b>

**Also a 20% reduction on white and white and brown shoes.**

## HOOD'S

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Ad from the Community Reporter of July 31, 1942

The homes along the way were built between 1875 and 1917. The tour route, illustrated on the map enclosed in the tour-guide brochure, can be travelled by foot, bike or car.

Please be respectful of the current owners of the homes when taking the tour and be observant for pedestrians, bikes and cars.

For more information about the tour, pick up the walking tour brochure at the Mount Airy Museum.

## Mayor's Flat Iron Building Preservation Task Force Status Report

Back in August of this year, Mayor Larry Hushour established a task force to preserve, rehabilitate and make useful the Flat Iron Building, a historic landmark in Mount Airy. The following status report will be presented to the Mayor and Town Council at the September 12 Town Council meeting:

We are working hard to meet the objectives set forth by the Council established at the August 1<sup>st</sup> Town Council Meeting in an expeditious fashion. Again, our two immediate goals are:

- To help obtain an independent, professional, unbiased, structural engineering study of the building to address whether:
    - ✓ the building poses an imminent danger of collapse.
    - ✓ the building integrity is able to sustain its intended use -as envisioned, and,
    - ✓ the ground floor pedestrian walk-through concept is plausible.
  - And To begin appropriate fundraising campaigns to help fund it.
1. Since the task force was established on August 11, Council member Lynne Galletti is serving as our Committee Liaison, and the Flat Iron Task Force has elected the following Committee Officers and voting members:
    - Larry Valett – Chair
    - Mike Eacho - Vice Chair
    - Diann Linton – Treasurer
    - Adele Connolly – Secretary
    - Charles Beck – member
    - Rick Dye – member
    - Lee Haigwood – member
    - Nikki Jeffries – member
    - Olivia Kuehner – member
    - Jim Molesworth – member
  2. To date, two meetings have been held, one on August 11<sup>th</sup> and the other, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Flat Iron Task Force established the following subcommittees with a total of 29 participants:
    - Finance & Fundraising
    - Government Outreach
    - Arts & Design
    - Engineering & Safety
    - Plaza & Streetscape

- Public Relations & Media
3. Many of these subcommittees have met and are underway on a variety of projects. To date, we have:
    - Identified some qualified Structural Engineers & Preservation Engineers and submitted those sources to the town engineer for cost estimates and consideration for future studies.
    - Conducted our own examinations of the building to consider and discuss (1) safety concerns, (2) engineering concepts, and (3) a variety of art, & architectural concepts to be presented to the Town Council at a later date as progress is made.
    - Established a media presence and online fundraising campaign, and initiated a local donation drive in the community. To date - in just 4 weeks - we have raised a total of \$1,396.24 through various fundraising campaigns and donations.
    - Begun a business sponsorship campaign.
  4. Accordingly, it is the objective of the Task Force to continue such efforts, and to coordinate with the Town Council to select an appropriate firm - and funding options - to conduct an objective, unbiased full engineering study requested by the Council, to determine the extent of imminent safety risks and the feasibility of moving forward with a Restoration plan as envisioned.
  5. There is intrinsic and commercial value in preserving this building. Mt. Airy is appealing in many ways, and our historic Main Street and architecture serves as an attractive feature and commercial draw which brings people into downtown to explore the historical tourism our town has to offer. The Flat Iron Task Force has presented the Town of Mount Airy with a committed and talent group of volunteers – with a Vision Plan and Funding Plan in mind – to create a historic and creative centerpiece downtown. Given the opportunity, we are committed to success in this mission.
  6. Our next Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Editor's Note:** Yes, it has always gotten hot in Mount Airy. The following article is from the Community Reporter of September 1, 1932.

## **Community Suffers As Mercury Rises To New High Mark**

**Thermometer Registers 102 Degrees Here On Wednesday – Heat Distress To Crops.**

Local citizens sweltered this week when the thermometer started climbing on Tuesday and established a new summer record the following day with a mid-afternoon temperature of 102. The torrid weather marked another set-back for crops of yellow corn and beans, already hurt considerably by several weeks of dry weather.

Wednesday's record breaking heat, however, failed to keep many persons from witnessing the eclipse. Shortly after two o'clock bits of smoked glass and photographic negatives put in their appearance along Main street and for the next hour groups could be seen peering heaven-ward.

### **Rain Deficiency Hurts Crops.**

Farmers have reported that none of the rain occurring here during the past six weeks has penetrated the ground sufficiently to materially benefit the while on man stated Wednesday that his fields were so dry that the bean were falling off the vines. Pasture has also suffered greatly from the lack of rain.

Cooler weather is predicted for today and tomorrow although it is possible that warmer temperatures will again be in order over Sunday. Those who have complained of the heat during the past week may find some comfort in the knowledge that snow has fallen in Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana, as well as in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. In the Yellowstone Park area between .5 to 1.8 inches of snow fell, the first in August since 1867.

Comparison of maximum temperatures of the summer with those of 1931 serves to point out to perspiring residents here that their present suffering does not come up to last year when on five different days the temperature registered more than 97 degrees.



## **Entertainment in Mount Airy**

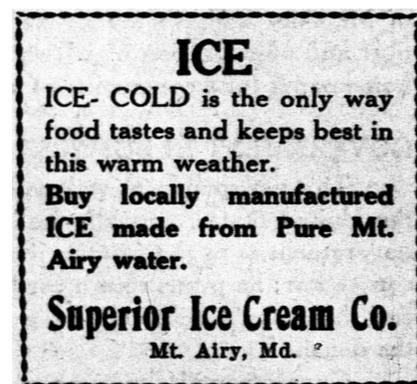
Our first Historical Society meeting of the new season was held Tuesday, September 6 at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company. If you were not at our meeting, you missed a very enjoyable presentation on "Parades and Carnivals in Mount Airy". That was the first of a five-part series of presentations on Entertainment in Mount Airy. The remainder of these presentations are:

- Baseball in Mount Airy
- Bowling in Mount Airy
- Music in Mount Airy
- The Mt. Airy Theater

Be sure to be there. Our meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month except June, July and –August. They are held in the lower level of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company beginning at 7 p.m. All are welcome for an entertaining evening of a look back in time. Please join us!

## **Bussard House On Park Site Being Torn Down**

Announcement has been made by the Mt. Airy Park Development Committee that the old Bussard property located on the park site (the current location of the town parking lot) is being torn down and the bricks have been sold for use in the construction of the new Odd Fellows' temple. Work was started on demolishing the structure Wednesday afternoon by Grafton Dorsey. It was also stated that further development of the park will be undertaken this month. Grass will be grown and shrubbery will be planted along the banks to prevent further washing during heavy rains.



Story and Ad from the Community Reporter of September 2, 1942

## Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

*Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn*

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the July, August, and September, 1972 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 Mount Airy Ladies softball team is being coached this year by Janice Leatherwood and Portia Hood. Despite three losses they hope to come up with a win next time. The players are Jane Mongold, Portia Hood, Charlotte Lare, Betty Linton, Joan Derr, Hallie Buckman, Janice Leatherman, Clarice Runkles, Amy Myers, Cheryl Devault, Cheri Titus, Sharon Richards, Eileen Roberts, Marie Davidson, Ruth Lambert, Alameda Moxley and Nancy Divers. 7/7/72
- Trash pickup in Mount Airy serves a total of 599 families and 59 places of business. A week's collection totals 2,848 bags and cans. This is approximately 40% increase since the state law banning burning of paper, etc. was put into effect. Now Mount Airy citizens can say they are contributing to the anti-pollution effort. 7/7/72
- The following were installed as officers of the Gold Stat Post 191, Mount Airy, for the year: Commander, Anthony Lazarewicz; Sr. Vice Commander, Doug Henley; Jr. Vice Commander, Wm. Haskins; Adjutant, Wm. Johnson; Finance Officer, Charles Norwood; Chaplain, Charles Woef; Historian, John Vaden; Service Officer, Weedon Ryfer; Sgt. At Arms, Wm. Wagner; Color Bearers, Roland and Alfred Schmidt; Executive Committee, Walter Hood, Robert Callahan, Thomas Wagner, John Brown and Dwight Mullinix. 7/14/72
- Several residents of this area are among the 47 Maryland Agricultural leaders who will leave July 19 from Friendship Airport on the first of a 21 day People-to-People Goodwill Journey to England, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, and the Soviet Union. The purpose of this visit will be to learn, in person, methods and working conditions, and in general attempt to improve relations and understanding between America and the people abroad. 7/14/72
- Citizens of Tomorrow: Brent James Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Baker, Hickory Hills, Mount Airy will be 2 in October. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sirk, and his paternal grandmother is Mrs. Paul Black of Damascus. His dad works a NIH.  
Jay Crutchfield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Crutchfield of Boteler Road. Jay's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Tyler, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crutchfield. His father works at Leisure World. 7/14/72
- Tropical storm "Agnes" clean-up is in full swing. The heaviest rainfall for June was 10.10 inches at Frederick. 7/14/72
- Carroll County received an estimated \$2.7 million dollars in Federal funds to help repair roads and bridges damaged by tropical storm Agnes. 7/21/72
- The Mount Airy Recreation Council is sponsoring the "Learn to swim" program at the Frederick YMCA for 5 days. The cost is 50¢ a day. Enrollment is limited to 40 persons and Jean King will drive the Calvary Methodist Church bus to the YMCA and back. 7/21/72
- Henry P. Runkles, Town Councilman, recently completed 35 years of service with the C and P Telephone Company. He joined C and P in 1937. He is a Charter Member and past president of the Mount Airy Lions Club, past secretary and treasurer of the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of Calvary Methodist Church and assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 460. Runkles lives on Main Street with wife, Millie, daughter, Clarice, who is a senior at Bridgewater College, and his son, Dane, a senior at South Carroll High School. 7/28/72

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## Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Jeanne Jewell was chosen Mount Airy Fire Prevention Queen at the carnival. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jewell. Runner-up went to Debbie Sorrels and Roxanne Harrison. Miss Jewell is a freshman at Towson State College, Miss Sorrels is planning on entering nursing training, and Miss Harrison is a freshman at Frostburg State College. Delaine Hobbs, President of the Fire Company, welcomed everyone to the opening of the carnival. 7/28/72
- And two more “Citizens of Tomorrow” – Bradley Eugene and Landon Michael are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Winford Winkler of Mount Airy. Bradley is 3½ years old and Landon is one year old. Grandparents of these two boys are Mrs. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Winkler. The boys paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Landon Winkler of Missouri. Bradley likes to play with construction equipment, understandable as his father is a contractor in many lines of work. 7/28/72
- The Mount Airy Braves baseball team won the Pony League Championship in the Damascus – Upper Montgomery County League. Members are Tom Larrimore, Basil Day, Jr., Brett Gosnell, Allen Forney, Dennis Dorsey, Allen Ruby, Chris Morrel, Steve Harns, Brian Mason, David Wilon, Danny Crabbs, Allen Myers, Steve Sier, Erving Elswick, Warren Dorsey, Ray Herche – scorer and tactical advisor – Michael Mason. Manager and coach is Andrew Mason. 8/4/72
- The Planning and Zoning Commission reviews applications for sub-divisions in Mount Airy. The commission is headed by Andrew Mason and includes Mrs. Eugenia Culwell, Weldon Dawson and George Bell, members present. The commission is revising the town’s master plan hoping to reduce the densities of new properties. Public hearing will be held for Mount Airy East, a proposed development of 3400 units, asking for one acre of Beck Drive for 8 townhouses. Hood’s Addition on Prospect Road proposes use of 3 lots for building purposes. Friendly Acres is also a proposed development of about 100 units. 8/4/72
- “Citizens of Tomorrow” this week are four children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Angell of N. Main Street. Brenda will be 8 this month. Janet was born in 1965 – Michael was born in 1967 – and Katy in 1968. Their father is a plumber for Van Sant Plumbing and Heating.  
Irwin Martin, III and Sandra Carol Martin are children of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin S. Martin, 400 Hill Street and their father is an electrician with his father for Martin Electric Company 8/4/72
- The Carroll County Adult Evening Program made 78 classes available to adults during the 1972 – 1973 school year. 8/4/72
- Letter to the Editor:  
My check is enclosed to renew the Community Reporter for another year. I have subscribed to the paper since graduation from Mount Airy High School In 1922 (50 years). Your office is now in Etchison Barber Shop building where I got my hair cut while attending high school. I love to read about the improvements being constantly made to improve traffic conditions around town, sewage disposal and other news. – Ernest Walker. 8/11/72  
(**Note:** The Community Reporter in 1972 was 12¢ a copy or \$5.00 a year.)
- Mount Airy Firemen Arthur Lowman and Delaine Hobbs were shown displaying awards won by the local company at the State Convention held in Ocean City in June. The Fire Prevention Committee of the local company are to be congratulated for the excellent work they have done and are continuing to do in the field of fire prevention. 8/18/72
- Among the five new Trooper Masters graduated from the State police K-9 training center is Trooper Master William M. Ritchey and his dog, “Sarge”. Pedigreed German Shepherd dogs under the skillful handling and training of the Trooper Masters can be brought together at any point in the State without undo delay for emergency purposes such as manhunts, crowd control, security and searches for lost people. 8/18/72

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## Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Monday Mixed League teams at the bowling alley included Ted's Crew, Alleycats, Jones Motors, Rippeons, Unpredictables, Nail's Roofing, Country Rascals 1, Country Rascals 2, Ding a Lings, Unforgetables. High Game – Eliabeth Hahn 126, Allen Spencer 152, Jones Motors 570. High set: Catherine Rippeon 328, Ted Watkins 322, Ted's Crew 1657. 8/18/72
- The Ridge Swim Club held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual picnic and water show with more than 150 members of the club and their guests. Some of those participating: Ages 10-11 – “Flowers” – Kathy Shook, Brenda Easley and Robin Winkler. Ages 12-13 – “Raindrops” and “Jack in the Box” – Ruth Cashdollar, Kara Peterson, Lori Ogren, Lori Burns, Beth Michaels and Anita Nikirk. Ages 14 and older – “China Dolls” and “Men's Hawaiian Water Ballet” – B. Beck, Nip Burns, Martin Shook, Arnie Ogren, Grady Edwards, Mark Culwell, Craig Edwards and Dale Nepper. 8/18/72
- Most famous of the FBI counterspies, Herbert Philbrick, will be the featured speaker at the Labor Day Celebration service on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Mt. Airy Baptist Church. 8/25/72
- An overflow crowd of 40 attended a hearing on the update to the town master plan led by Andrew Mason, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Two strong pleas at opposite poles came for Mayor Lewis Dixon and from Mr. and Mrs. Amos Marcy former Ridgeville property owners. The mayor called for elimination of all commercial development along the bypass and an even greater reduction in high density development areas within the town limits. “People driving out this far would rather have a little more expansive house, a little more room”, Mayor Dixon said. Mrs. Marcy expressed a continuing interest in Mount Airy's future: “Let it grow” she pleaded. Let it be a part of Maryland – Baltimore doesn't belong to us anymore – it really doesn't.” She supports a plan that encourages an orderly growth rather than restricting it. 9/1/72
- The Mount Airy Firemen ended their 1972 softball season when their left fielder, Richard Molesworth, squeezed a line drive off the bat of Gamber's Doug Weishear. This memorable catch won the playoff championship for the town of Mount Airy. 9/1/72
- Mrs. Elizabeth Normandy, local librarian, has retired the end of June. She has worked tirelessly to make the library a credit to the town and is working on a history of the town. Mrs. Janet Devinney has been named as her replacement. 9/1/72
- The first Mount Airy Minor league All-Star Game was held August 26<sup>th</sup>. The minor leaguers, ages 7 and 8, played against the 9 year old regular Little Leaguers. With a 27-11 victory were 1<sup>st</sup> year pitcher, Nryan Dennis, and 1<sup>st</sup> year catcher, Mike Franklin. The Minor League All-Stars are: Danny Van Gosen, Doug McGiffin, Kevin Everhart, Billy Wagner, Brian Lowman, Bobby Seelye, Wayne Barnes, David Weisman, Tommy Wiser, John Fetzer, Alfred Starlings, Chris Green, Paul Bell, Jimmy Cavey, Jeff Kilgre, Bobby Hammond, Bryan Dennis and Mike Franklin. 9/1/72
- The majorette group, The Sparklers, won trophies in eleven (11) different parades. 9/1/72  
Playing at the movies this week are Stanley Kubrick's Clockwork Orange and Robert Redford in The Candidate. 9/1/72
- Western Maryland College reopens September 9<sup>th</sup> with full enrollment and a new president. Local students arriving are Stephen J. Andrews and Bruce Walz, both of Mount Airy, Stephen Walker of Woodbine, and Ann Jones of Sykesville. 9/8/72
- The Jeritol Jet Set is planning a bus trip to Lancaster, Pa. The group will spend the day with a tour of Amish house and dinner. \$5.75 will cover everything (including bus fare). 9/8/72

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Balanced lunches for Carroll County school students will be offered this year for 45¢, milk is 5¢ and ice cream, 10¢. A typical lunch will be Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach or sliced tomato, roll, raspberry jello with topping and ½ pint milk. Kindergarten children not served under the lunch program will get a snack daily, price \$1.50 a month. 9/8/72

- Donkey Ball, the world's "craziest sport" will be played at the Fireman's Activities Park September 20<sup>th</sup>. 9/15/72
- The Mount Airy Town Council voted on September 11<sup>th</sup> to immediately put untaxed property within the corporate limits on the tax rolls. One councilman pointed out that there was an estimated 500 acres of undeveloped land upon which no tax had ever been collected. Among other items discussed by the Council were possible actions to be taken to rid the abandoned grain towers in the central business area of town of undesirable birds. 9/15/72
- Advertisement for Fall Country Music Festival: to benefit the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co. New Truck Fund 5 bands – Wild Country, Irene and Country Rascals, Mason Dixon Boys, Roustabouts and Countrymen. \$1.50 advance or \$2.00 at gate, children under 12 free. 9/22/72

### SCHOOL ADDITION UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Construction of the 8-room addition to the Mt. Airy High School is proceeding rapidly. Spradlin Construction Company, Washington, D. C., is in charge of the job for which a bid of \$103,967 was submitted. Pictured above is the architect's conception of the finished project.

**Editor's Note:** This short article is from the Mount Airy Community Reported of June 24, 1949. It shows an artist's rendition of the addition built on the right (south) side of the school building that is now Mount Airy Elementary School.



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