

MUSEUM MEMOS

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The President's Pen

Mike Eacho

PLEASE READ!

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland along with the Mount Airy Museum is operated totally through the efforts of volunteers. Volunteers catalog photographs and artifacts, preserve artifacts and photographs in its collection, write this quarterly newsletter, research and create new exhibits, make historical presentations at our monthly meetings pay the bills, maintain the checking account, keep the museum clean and open for visitors among so many other tasks. Without our volunteers, the Historical Society and 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 no more that 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 who have volunteered so much of your time helping us make this organization run so effectively and for creating and maintaining such a fine town history museum



Thank You for Your Support

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals who have made donations to the Historical Society. These donations help us with the cost of printing the newsletter, cataloging and storage of new items in the collection, and the acquisition of new historical items. They will also help us pay for new, informative, and eye-catching exhibits in the Mount Airy History Museum.

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Brandenburg Mrs. Helen Simpson

Monthly Meetings to Resume

The monthly meetings of the Historical Society of Mount Airy will resume again on September 7 and will be held the first Tuesday of every month afterwards. Meetings are held in the lower level of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and begin at 7 p.m.

We have an interesting schedule of presentations prepared for the coming year's meetings. Topics to be discussed are:

- September 7 the 20th Anniversary of 911, presented by Larry Hushour
- October 5- Mount Airy Fires, presented by Larry Valett
- November 2 The Mt. Airy Players, presented by John Simpson
- December 7 The 100 Year-Old Homes of Mount Airy, presented by Althea Mille and B.J. Dixon

We hope you all will join us and participate in these interesting presentations and the discussions they usher in. Presentations generally take one hour, but discussions frequently go on longer.

What's New at the Historical Society

This has been a very busy summer for the many volunteers who keep the Historical Society and the Mount Airy Museum operating. First of all, for those who may have missed the news, The Historical Society has a new website:

www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org.

It includes many features that we hope everyone will enjoy including: Announcements and Events, electronic copies of the newsletters, Then and Now photos, Artifact of the Month, the Mount Airy Caboose (MAC), and Rails to Trails. Please check out our new website and pass the word to family and friends. The website was produced by a team consisting of Larry Valett, Adele Connolly, Mary Hushour and Mike Eacho.

Much progress has been made in the huge effort of cataloging and storing all the photographs and artifacts the Historical Society has accumulated over the years. This effort was led by Diann Linton and included B.J. Dixon, Peggy Fleming and Linda Brightwell with assistance from many others.

Larry Valett has been researching the history of the fires that have struck Mount Airy over the years. He completed an exhibit for the museum and is currently completing a booklet describing the many fires, which will be available soon.

Larry is also researching the history of the Mount Airy Station. He has discovered many news articles describing the station and events that have occurred at the station. He plans to also produce a booklet on the history of the train station.

Many new details have been added to the Mount Airy Railyard exhibit, so if you haven't been in the museum lately, you have missed the continually changing railyard model.

Also in the works is a project to accumulate the history of Mount Airy in the Civil War. Through this effort, headed up by Mike Eacho, we hope to determine the names of all the men who served in the armies of the Union and the Confederacy and learn about the lives of these men. We also hope to learn more about the military units that passed through Mount Airy or were stationed here to protect the railroad. The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, the Historical Society

of Carroll County and the Maryland Room of the C. Burr Artz Public Library of the Frederick County Library have been incredibly helpful in this effort. If you have any information concerning Civil War Veterans from the area or if you have any Civil War artifacts you would be willing to donate or loan to the Historical Society please contact us at:

www.historicalsocietyofmountairy@earthlink.net

Doris Bujanowski with the help of Mike Eacho has been researching the Mount Airy Pants Company, which was a vital part of Mount Airy's economy for many years. She has accumulated many news articles concerning the Pants Factory and the people that worked there. She is also conducting oral interviews with residents who worked at the Pants factory. She is planning an event in October that will present much of the information gathered. If you have any photographs, or artifacts from the Pants Factory or stories about the factory or any of the people who worked at the factory, please call Doris or contact the historical society. Of special interest to us is the closing date of the factory.

We hope that all this research will lead to new, interesting exhibits about these pieces of Mount Airy's history.

Barbara Runkles is researching the Mt. Airy Theater, which was located at 407 S. Main Street (home of Carquest Auto Parts / Mount Airy Auto). We plan to use this research to produce a new museum exhibit.

Mount Airy Pants Factory Centennial Open House October 17, 2021

Our research shows that the Mount Airy Pants Factory opened in October of 1921. To commemorate this opening and all the people the business employed, we are working on a new display to be added to the Mount Airy Museum. However, we need more information. If you are a former employee, family member of someone who worked at the Pants Factory, or you know any history and especially if you have artifacts from the Pants Factory, we would like you to join us on Sunday, October 17, 2021 anytime from 2 p.m. through 5 p.m. at the Mount Airy Museum located at the Train Station located at 1 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, MD. We want to hear your stories, see pictures, or know about your family member who worked there. Light refreshments will be provided. Please join us.

7th Annual Boxes and Bags Bingo

The 7th Annual Boxes and Bags Bingo will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022. The event will be held in the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company's Reception Hall as in past years. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m. and regular games begin at 7 p.m. Prizes feature filled boxes and designer handbags (Coach, Kate Spade, Spartina, Michael Kors and Vera Bradley). There will be early bird games, 20 regular games, 4 special drawings, raffles, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

The bingo benefits the many programs of the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland, Mount Airy Rails to Trails and MAC the Caboose. Cost is \$30 for admission and two bingo packs, each of which includes two bingo cards for each of the 20 regular bingo games. Early bird games are \$5 each. Tickets may be purchased online at our website using Paypal:

www.historicalsoietyomountairymd.org

Tickets may also be purchased at the Mount Airy Museum; credit cards are accepted or they may be reserved by calling 301-703-1430 (leave a message) and then pay using cash or credit card at the door.

This event is normally sold out in advance, so please purchase your tickets in advance.



Ad from the Frederick Evening Post, August 28, 1912

Air-Conditioning Unit Installed at Mt. Airy Theatre

Jones Showhouse Now Equipped with Modern System of Ventilation.

In keeping with the trend of the times, new air-conditioning equipment is now being installed in the Mt. Airy Theater by E. L. Jones, owner-manager, and from all indications, the local theater will be able to run on the plant either the latter part of this week or the first of next.

The new equipment is a combination of full ventilation plus cooling making possible a full modulation of all degrees of ventilation and comfort cooling, designed to give just the right amount of difference in temperature to make for comfort at all times, regardless of outside temperatures.

It is interesting to note that the big blower, which delivers the cool air to the theater auditorium is more than seven feet high and at normal speed can deliver better than 20,000 cubic feet of pure, washed and filtered cool air to the auditorium per minute.

Air Is Filtered.

The air entering the auditorium is first filtered through a new type Gyra-Spray Washer which eliminates all impurities from the air, washes it and makes it fresh and invigorating, and adds several degrees of cooling to the air before it enters the big blower for distribution. A special Speed control governs the amount of air to enter the theater under varying conditions.

Discussing the new equipment, Mr. Jones stated that he selected the particular type of equipment after much thought and consideration of the various types and kinds of air conditioning, and selected the New Gyra-Spray and washer system because it delivers 100 per cent fresh air — no air being recirculated — which insures fresh air under all conditions. Another point that is highly desirable, is the evenness of the temperature changes and the absolute absence of chill and after effects so common in some types of air conditioning.

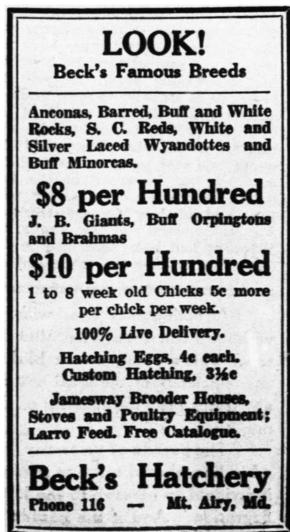
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Air Conditioning Unit Installed (Continued from page 3)

There are many interesting features in connection with the new equipment. One of them is the delivery of 60 cubic feet of cool fresh healthful air every minute to every patron — with assurance that there will be comfort in every foot of air with no uncomfortable feeling as you leave the theater after witnessing your favorite movie.

Jones recently lengthened his building, moving the screen farther from the audience, making for additional comfort for his patrons.

Editor's Note: The previous article is from The Community Reporter, Friday, Jul 25, 1941.



Ad from the Community Reporter July 24, 1931

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Mount Airy Hall of Fame Supporters

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Original Henry Bussard Homestead, Built About 1840, Sold Last Saturday

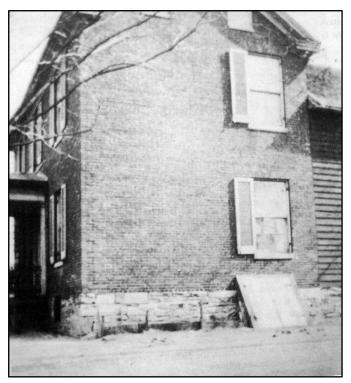
Home of Byron S. Dorsey's Grandfather, Who at One Time Owned all the Land Upon Which Mt. Airy Now Stands, Was Sold Saturday to Make way for the Town's Proposed Park

When the Chamber of Commerce last Saturday sold the frame portion of the old Bussard house in order to clear land for the new park, it is doubtful if anyone realized that the structure was erected nearly 100 years ago. That for many years it was the home of Henry Bussard and was known as the original Bussard "homestead". Razing of this near century-old homestead removes the oldest building in Mt. Airy—one which has weathered storms and withstood the ravages of time since before 1840. Only one other building is nearly as old; that is the fast-crumbling Pine Grove church.

At this point, Mr. Byron S. Dorsey, to whom we went for information concerning history of the Bussard property, paused in describing the background of his grandfather's first home here and related an interesting story about transportation and early motive power used by the B&O in dragging coaches over the grade from Twin Ridge to the top of the Ridge. "About 1840," Mr. Dorsey declared, "Henry Myers, father of Oliver Myers, had stables at Plainville, or what we now call Twin Arch." "Mr. Myers," Mr. Dorsey said, "held the contract with the B&O to pull their coaches from the point below Twin Arch, to the top of the Ridge, where they were cut loose and allowed to drift down the other side of the grade." "The cars gathered so much momentum in their dash down the west side of the grade that they drifted almost to Monrovia," Mr. Dorsey added.

Several years prior to 1840, Henry Bussard acquired several hundred acres of land, which included the hills upon which the town of Mt. Airy was later built. Mr. Bussard moved from his farm a short distance from Parrsville and built for himself a four-room dwelling, (the building which was sold Saturday), containing two rooms on the lower floor and two rooms on the upper floor. Some years later, he added the brick front. Quarters for the negro slave were built a short distance south from the dwelling and none of the buildings which were sold Saturday were built during the lifetime of Mr. Bussard. The original barn was a long log

structure with a horse stable at one end and stalls for cattle at the other.



The Henry Bussard House

Property Subdivided

Following the death of Henry Bussard the property came into the possession of Milton Byron Steuben Bussard. Milton Bussard occupied the property about 15 years and at his death, the several hundred acres were subdivided and sold as individual lots by his administrator, Byron S. Dorsey. A total of 56 lots were surveyed and sold, the land on the west of the Ridgeville road being bought by many individual persons.

The old original Bussard homestead and two acres of land was purchased for \$6,200 by Harry Berry around 1900, who held it for several years although he never lived there. Soon after 1900, the old Bussard place was occupied by Mrs. Lucinda Ebert and Miss Susie Bussard. Mrs. Ebert died there and the property then was acquired by Basil Bowman and Walter R. Rudy. Mr. Rudy owned the north portion upon which he erected a warehouse and Mr. Bowman claimed the south side. Mr. Bowman, a funeral director, kept his and the land bordering the campground road (now Park Avenue) then passed into the hands of equipment in the old sheds, which were sold Saturday, but his death

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Henry Bussard Homestead (Continued from page 5)

occurred several years after he had acquired the property. The brick and frame dwelling Charlie Runkles and Edward Molesworth, but Mr. Molesworth became owner as Mr. Runkles died before the complete consummation of the deal.

Lumber Yard Established

William Rigler was the next owner of the land. Thomas E. Watson had acquired several lots in the rear of the Kimmel stables and by purchasing a portion of the land held by Walter R. Rudy was able to establish what later became the lumber yards of the People's Lumber & Supply Co.

From a veritable a hundred years ago, when the present site of the Commercial Bank, the postoffice, and the other buildings was the front yard of the rolling acres of Henry Bussard's home... what could be more fitting than to have part of this land converted into a public park... to be passed from generation to generation. And the very fact that the park will occupy the front yard of the very first citizen of Mt. Airy should attach to the project a unique background... one which should not be allowed to be forgotten.

Editor's Note: The preceding story is from the Mount Airy Community Reporter from September 18, 1931. The park referred to in this story was to be the Municipal Parking Lot located between Park Avenue and Center Street



Ad from the Community Reporter July 17, 1931

B&O Station Clerk Position Abolished

Charles E. Harris, who has served as station clerk for the B&O railroad at Mt. Airy for the past 41 years, was relieved of duty Tuesday when the position of station clerk was abolished. Mr. Harris entered the railroad service in 1890 and has served here continuously since that time.

The freight station will be open eight hours daily, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. R. C. Hanna is freight agent.

Editor's Note: The preceding story is from the Mount Airy Community Reporter from September 4, 1931. A train station clerk recorded the time each train arrived and departed from the station, compared the actual times to the scheduled times and determined if there was a delay and why. He also recorded the train number and engine number and reported train movement information.



Ad from the Community Reporter September 11, 1931

Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

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, 1971 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.

- A group of mothers, spearheaded by Mrs. Norma Lee Dennis, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and Mrs. Barbara Wagner are up in arms over the discontinuation of bus service next fall to approximately 100 elementary school children on the south side of Mount Airy. The Director of Transportation for the Carroll County Board of Education says the traffic in Mount Airy will decrease due to the opening of the Mount Airy bypass. Mayor Carl Smith and Councilman Delaine Hobbs promised to do all in their power to assist the parents. 7/2/71
- Robert Donald Grimes was awarded a BS degree in accounting at the University of Baltimore and graduated Summa Cum Laude receiving the highest academic honor in the school of business. 7/2/71
- A surprise reception was held for the 50th wedding anniversary of lifetime residents of the area Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Penn at Mt. Olive Church. Mrs. Penn was the former Miss Beryl Buckingham. The three-tier wedding cake was served by their niece, Mrs. Rita Nikirk. 7/2/71
- The Mt. Airy Fireman's Softball Team beat Westminster 18 − 11. Mt. Airy offense led by Richard Molesworth, Doug Alexander and Billy Wagner each with 4 hits. Richard Molesworth and George Watkins knocked in 4 runs each while Doug Alexander, Billy Wagner and Tommy Wagner contributed 3 RBIs each. 3 homers were added in the 2nd and 3rd innings. Tony Esworthy did his part making a spectacular over the shoulder running grab of a fly ball in deep left center in the 6th inning. 7/2/71
- Naomi and Walter Spurrier are grateful to their friends and relatives for their congratulatory messages on their 50th anniversary. The occasion was marked by an open house for 140 guests given by their children and grandchildren. 7/9/71
- More than 200 people attended the installation of Gold Star Post and auxiliary officers and Mortgage Burning Ceremony. Two of the post's old soldiers, veterans of WWI and the Mount Airy Legion in Mount Airy, John Brown and Charles Wolf burned the mortgage in a helmet brought back from the trenches more than 50 years ago by Mr. Brown. 7/9/71
- Wm. Sirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sirk, of Twin Arch Road, has been promoted to Sergeant in the U. S. Air Force. He is an Aircraft Electrical Technician on the Aerospace Defense Command's F-106 Delta Dart Fighter Interceptor.
- Fourth of July weekend provided fun for Mount Airy Saddle Pals. Approximately 40 people enjoyed a three-day overnight trail ride near Unionville. 7/16/71
- Jack Steel of Mount Airy leaves this weekend for quite an extensive European trip. 7/23/71
- The Mount Airy Fireman's Carnival got underway Monday, July 26th with the crowning of Joanne Leeka as the Fire Prevention Queen. Runners up were Debra Sorrels and Wilma Teague. Other participants in the contest were Doris Tabler, Irene Crowder, Melva McFarlane, Debra Wright, Jenna Harsham and Diane Murphy. 7/-30/71
- The Fireman's Carnival was seen as a big success despite pouring rain. Crowds tramped cheerfully through rain and mud the parade was cancelled for the first time. In spite of the weather, people came out to support the firemen. There was a Country Music Contest Tuesday night and Saturday morning. 1,500 to 2,000 attended the Majorette Competition. The Mount Airy Sparklers group of 73 boys and girls have been the recipients of many trophies since they were formed 4 years ago.

 8/6/71

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Floyd's Restaurant on Main Street in Mount Airy was sold at auction to Marshall McDonough on July 31st. The town wishes the same success that Floyd Hulver had to McDonough. 8/6/71
- A thief assaulted a Mount Airy woman and snatched the purse on the parking lot at the carnival. Mrs. Mildred Condon was knocked to the ground and badly bruised, but the assailant apparently was frightened and dropped the purse after removing \$15.00. 8/6/71
- Mike Schlotterbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Schlotterbeck, is one of 600 midshipmen taking part in a special 8-week training program aboard the U.S. Second Fleet ship operating in Northern Europe. He is a 1970 graduate of South Carroll High School. 8/6/71
- The Dodge Boys at Jones Motor, Inc. Rt. 27 and 144 advertises a new Dodge Colt starting at \$1,924.00 for a two-door coupe with standard equipment 8/13/71
- 57 students completed the 45-hour summer driver education course at South Carroll High School under the direction of Ralph Holweek, driver education instructor. 8/13/71
- At the Druid Theatre in Damascus, <u>Little Big Men</u> starring Dustin Hoffman. Coming next <u>Dark of Night Shadows</u> and <u>Night of the Living Dead</u>.
 8/13/71
- Officers were elected at Mount Airy Southern States Cooperative. C. William Knill and Paul Hoffman were elected to the local Board of Directives. Over 150 stockholders, members and their families attended. Mr. Knill was named Chairman of the Board and Harvey Tabler was picked as Vice-Chairman. 8/20/71
- Rev. Irvin Stapf, Jr. of Mount Airy is the new pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Damascus. Rev. Stapf, his wife, Audrey, and their 21 month old daughter, Jennifer, live across from Jones Motor Co. 8/20/71
- Miss Linda Ann Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, and Charles Gary Beall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Beall, were married August 7th. Mrs. Jean Himes was matron of honor. The flower girl was Debbie Henderson, cousin of the bride, and the ring bearer was little Michael Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon. Steve Bennett was best man. Brett Beall, brother of the groom, and David Brown, Jr., brother of the bride, were ushers. 8/20/71
- A resident noticed the following epitaph on a stone in a cemetery and wants to share it with the readers:

"When I guit this mortal shore And mosey around the earth no more Don't weep, don't sigh, Don't grieve, don't sob, I may have struck a better job. Don't go and buy a large bouquet, For which you will find it hard to pay. Don't hang round me looking blue; I may be better off than you. Don't tell the folks I was a saint, Or anything I know I ain't. If you have stuff like that to spread, Please hand it out before I'm dead. If you have roses, bless your soul, Just pin one in my buttonhole. But do it while I'm at my best, Instead of when I'm safe at rest."

8/27/71

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Kiwanis Red Sox, managed by Bobby Haight, edged the Lions, managed by Stan Lane, 5 4 in the 3rd game of the play-off series to become Mount Airy Little League Champions for 1971. 8/27/71
- Mount Airy Izaak Walton Gun Club held its annual club championship event on August 22nd. Thomas Bosley made a repeat win for the high overall in all events. In the trap-shooting events Howard Pickett, Gus Bidinger, Ray Grimes, Teddy Webb and O. C. Joyce all ran a perfect score. 8/27/71
- The corporate boundaries of Mount Airy will be enlarged with annexation of 419 acres of land. The contractors building a new shopping center in Mount Airy have started grading for the following businesses: a BP station, a Safeway store and a Peoples Drug Store. A new barber shop is opening in the Ridgeville area and a new High's store is nearing completion in the same area.

 9/3/71
- A Mount Airy man, Harry John Reynolds, died August 20 after being thrown from a tractor pulling a mower after striking a tree stump. 9/3/71
- Mount Airy Players are to perform "George Washington Slept Here". Nellie Brown is the director. Members of the cast are: Harry Arnold, Ellis Leatherwood, Barbara Harrison, Artie Esworthy Jr., Carolyn Davis, Martha Manhollen, Leah Gartrel, Martie Burns and John O. Steel.
- Mount Airy Boy Scout Troop 460 will hold an Induction and Court of Honor at Calvary Methodist Church. Harry Nikirk, Troop Advancement Chairman, presented 56 merit badges to 19 Scouts and advancement awards to 13 Scouts.
- Hank Williams Jr. and the Cheatin' Hearts will be performing at the Great Frederick Fair September 25. 9/17/71
- Gayle Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelsel Day, became the bride of Larry W. Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hood. The bride is a '71 graduate of Linganore High School and is a secretary at the Atomic Energy Commission of Germantown. The groom graduated in 1969 and works at Frederick Motor Company. 9/24/71
- A surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. Mary Moxley's 74th birthday. Many friends and relatives attended and enjoyed the birthday cake made by Mrs. Kathleen Scheel. 9/24/71
- Rear Admiral Leonard A. Snead heads the Navy's efforts to continue F-14 program. Congressional detractors including Senator Proxmire propose dropping production of the controversial F-14 and begin work on a new, less expensive, lightweight fighter. In June, Admiral Snead, who graduated from Mount Airy High School, was detached from his command of the USS Forrestal, a giant aircraft carrier, and took over as project manager for the F-14 September 1. He alleges that no comparatively cheap, light fighter can do what the F-14 can do what the F-14 is designed to do fight at extreme distances from the carrier and return safely. The Rear Admiral is eminently qualified as an expert in the naval aviation field having flown 51 models of aircraft representing a broad spectrum of US Naval Aviation, British and French aircraft. He led the "Sunday Punchers" in strikes against enemy targets in North and South Vietnam while embarked on the USS Independence. 9/24/71



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