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The President's Pen

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Please support all the businesses and organizations that support the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland by advertising in this program. Many of these advertisers have been supporters since the first Hall of Fame induction ceremony in March of 2000.

The funds raised by the advertisements in this program help the Historical Society to defray the costs of the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony and provide a major source of income needed to sustain the Historical Society and the Mount Airy Museum throughout the year.

These businesses also provide support for our youth athletic organizations, our fire company and the many churches and service organizations in an around Mount Airy. They help to make Mount Airy the truly wonderful community that it is.

The people who run these businesses are our neighbors and they rely on our patronage to survive.

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland extends our sincere thanks to all our advertisers and supporters and hope you will patronize them when goods and services are required.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame: Paul Beall, Dr. W. Paul Burkett, Margie Davis, Carl L. Dixon, Bobbie Eugene Lowman and their families and friends. These five new members of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame are truly deserving people, who through their good works have helped to make Mount Airy such a wonderful place to live.

To all the people who have worked on the exhibits in the museum, and who have volunteered to keep the Mount Airy Museum and the Mount Airy Caboose open for our visitors, thank you so much!

Finally, thanks to Barbara Runkles and all the people who shared their memories of "Growing Up in Mount Airy". These discussions were very entertaining and informative.

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. Your 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.

- Clarice Runkles
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Flat Iron Building to Open

The Flat Iron Task Force will open the Flat Iron Building at the corner of Main Street and Park Avenue to the general public on Saturdays, 12 noon until 4 p.m., beginning Saturday June 29th. Public announcements and notifications will be made via social media.

The history of the Flat Iron Building and design concepts for the renovation of the building will be displayed inside the historic building. Come visit and discover what this building has meant to the town and what is in store for its future.

Editor's Note: 80 years ago, on June 6, 1944, the Allied Army including troops from the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada, along with others from a number of other countries landed on the beaches of Normandy, France to begin the liberation of Northern Europe. The following story was published in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, June 9, 1944 to announce the news.

ALLIED ARMIES INVADE FRANCE

German Defenders Almost Completely Surprised Early Tuesday Morning

More Than 4,000 Ships, One of the Greatest Displays of Naval Strength Ever Assembled, Pours Division after Division of Men and Mechanized Might Ashore – Losses of Allies Inconceivably Light – Beachheads Established Along 60 Miles of Coastline In Greatest Invasion of All History.

With a dramatic suddenness in spite of long spent-up speculation as to when it might occur, "D-Day," the time for the invasion of Hitler's European fortress broke with the announcement from General Eisenhower's Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, in Great Britain that troops were already pouring upon the beaches of northern France from the sea and from the air.

Ever since that moment, except for the meagre information that the invasion has been progressing satisfactorily, little has been told of the actual scope of operations or of the measure of success which has been obtained.

Both Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt have issued statements expressing themselves as pleased with the results thus achieved, and radio commentators have kept up a continual fire of eyewitness accounts of the landings, etc., but the fact remains that definite information is yet lacking as to the objectives achieved, the strength of the operations and the exact area over which our troops are fighting.

This much is known –that an armada of 4000 ships, one of the greatest displays of naval strength ever to be assembled, pushed silently across the channel from England during the pre-dawn hours of Tuesday morning and after a terrific shelling of the invasion coast of France between Cherbourg and LeHavre, poured division after division of men and mechanized might ashore to take the German defenders by almost complete surprise. Meanwhile, as further harassment to the bewildered Nazis, the mightiest air-borne assemblage of

parachute troops, fully equipped with everything necessary to seize and hold almost any objective, crossed the channel and poured from the dawn skies upon the fields of Normandy, in the rear of the German defense lines, ripping communications and attacking vital airfields and other important objectives. More than 900 C-47 troop transports and gliders were used in the opening assault, swinging across the channel in a column of 9 planes wide and 200 miles long. In the day following, another train 50 miles long poured in reinforcements. About the only specific information released to date concerned fighting around the town of Caen, on the Cherbourg peninsula, which was admitted to be particularly fierce. Also it was definitely announced from General Eisenhower's headquarters that the town of Bayeux, six miles inland, had been captured and the Nazis driven completely from the place. Other than this, sporadic fighting continues uninterruptedly, with the invasion troops pushing steadily inland and consolidating their gains.

Lack of resistance on the part of German defenders was the chief surprise afforded the Allied armies. Admittedly the terrific pounding given the defense works along the coast by thousands of bomber planes during the several days which preceded the landings did much to render these great guns ineffectual, but among the surprises was the apparent disposition of Goering's Luftwaffe to allow the complete mastery of the air to the invading armadas.

It is inevitable that sooner or later stiff resistance will be encountered. The Nazis have many well-trained divisions intact, awaiting just such a challenge, and the strength of the German air force, while admittedly crippled by the incessant rain of bombs upon industrial targets during the last several weeks, is still an unknown factor. But so far all has gone well with Allied arms. Losses in the landings were inconceivably light and with beachheads established along some sixty miles of coastline, hundreds of thousands of tons of equipment are being poured ashore hourly. During the week ahead battle lines will be pretty well drawn and the issue joined if the enemy is to make any sort of stand at all to counter this greatest invasion of all history.

Support for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to sincerely thank the many businesses in our community that supported the 2024 Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Without their generous sponsorship we would not be able to honor these deserving members of our community.

Please support the following businesses, which contribute so much to our great community.

Mount Airy Hall of Fame Supporters

- 17 Paradise bed & breakfast
- ACNB Bank
- American Legion Post 191
- Auxiliary to the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co.
- Blade Busters Lawn Cutting, Firewood, Snow Removal
- Blossom & Basket Boutique
- Browning Reagle Insurance Agency
- Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.
- Dertzbaugh Construction, Inc.
- Electrical Solutions - Michael Dixon
- 4 County Lions
- George's Girls Jewelry & Repairs
- Health Unlimited Family Fitness and Aquatic Center
- Jerry's Trophies, LLC
- J & J Trash Service
- Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy
- Mary Hushour, Realtor Long & Foster
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- Mount Airy Ace Hardware
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- Paul Clay, Real Estate Consulting RE/MAX Realty Plus
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- SK Printing
- Tabler's Auto Clinic
- Team Bonnie and Maureen - RE/MAX Realty Plus
- The Plumbery Home Center
- Tim Barkley, Attorney
- Wagner Meats / Mt. Airy Locker Co.
- WRF & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Inc.



Editor's Note: The following letter was published in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, June 2, 1944. It is a letter to L. Pearce Bowlus from Edward Richard VanSant, who lived along Ridge Road (MD-27) between Mount Airy and Damascus. This is one of the many letters from local servicemen printed in the Community Reporter during World War II.

Learning to Fly.

"I imagine you are wondering if I am still living, because it's been about five months since you received my last letter.

"I have now completed my primary training here at Spartan School of Aeronautics, which is 65 hours of flying. The ground school subjects I had were Theory of Flight, Engines and Propellers, Aircraft Identification, and Meteorology. Next week I am being sent to Greenville, Texas, for my basic Flying in BT "13s" with a h.p. of 450. They say it's a rough going in basic, but I'll try and keep my chin up.

"I read in the Community Reporter where Pfc. Raymond Molesworth was transferred from Camp Gruber, Okla. The camp is only 40 miles from Tulsa. I am sorry I didn't know it at the time.

"Well Judge, I guess I'll have to bring this letter to a close, but I am expecting to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A/C. Edward R. VanSant,
2522nd A.A.F. Basic Unit,
44-I Section "H"
Greenville, Texas"



Air Cadet Edward R. VanSant

Civil War Gold Murder at the Museum!

It began in Mount Airy with a quest for Civil War gold. It ended with murder at the museum! Now, investigative reporter Mac McKenzie lay in a pool of his own blood. Mac was pursuing a long list of suspected thieves from Mount Airy's past and now one of them turned to murder. It's clear that Mac was onto something and has now paid the ultimate price. We need your help to solve this murder! Who killed Mac McKenzie? Who stole the gold from the train? Who helped bury the gold throughout Mount Airy? These and other mysteries are yours to solve. Bring the family and join us for a live interactive puzzle up and down Main Street: CIVIL WAR GOLD - MURDER AT THE MUSEUM. Saturday, July 27, 12 noon-4pm. Located at the Mount Airy Museum inside the historic Train Station at 1 N. Main Street, downtown Mount Airy. Start your journey at the museum. Come in and see the body! View the evidence! Collect your game sheet and then walk Main Street collecting clues from participating vendors to help solve the crime! With proof of purchase from participating vendors, winners can also enter our raffle for a chance to win a prize gift basket! Drawing will be held on game day, July 27, at 4:30 pm. To learn more join us at www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org, or find us on Facebook.

Wanted

Old photographs, signs and other memorabilia of the people, places, businesses and events of Mount Airy, Maryland. Also wanted are photos, dishes, tools and other artifacts from the B&O Railroad, Pants Factory, Canning Factory and Garrett Sanitarium. Help us to bring our town's history to those who didn't help make it! Bring photos and artifacts to the Mount Airy Museum and share with us what you know about them.

Visit our webpage at
<https://www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org/>

Do you remember the Mt. Airy Hardware Store that was located on the empty lot between what is now SK Printing and the Four County Barber Shop?

MT. AIRY



HARDWARE

Tools, Hardware, Plumbing & Gardening Supplies

 <p>Model 26 Radio Wheelbarrow</p> <p>Model 35 Radio Wheelbarrow</p> <p>True Temper Bow Rake #B15 \$5.95</p> <p>True Temper 3 prong Cultivator \$6.89</p> 	<p>\$16.59</p> <p>\$39.95</p> <p>TRUE TEMPER</p> <p>226 S. MAIN STREET</p> <p>MT. AIRY</p> <p>829-1630</p> <p>HOURS: Daily 8-6; Friday 8-9</p> <p>Parking Behind the Store</p>
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Ad from the Community Reporter May 3, 1974

Visit the Mount Airy Museum.
The Museum is open
Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon until 4 p.m

A cordial invitation to attend the first of a series of

SUMMER CONCERTS

at

MUNICIPAL PARK, MT. AIRY

on

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1944

by the

BROWNSVILLE BAND

is extended the local public.

Sponsored by the Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce

Ad from the Community Reporter June 2, 1944

Congratulations Class of 2024!

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to extend its heart-felt congratulations to all the graduates in the class of 2024. We wish for the best for your futures.

The following are congratulatory ads from Mount Airy businesses that were printed in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on May 31, 1974.



TOP SPOTS

Applause, Cheers, and
Top Billing.

DELAINE HOBBS STUDIO
Main St. Mt. Airy, Md.
829-1300



You worked, you
studied, you tried,
and you succeeded.
Congratulations.

WATKINS 5 & 10
Mt. Airy, Md.

BEST WISHES



And the best of
everything to our
graduates.

MT. AIRY LOCKER CO.



**look to the
future!**

HOLMES
TIRE AND WHEEL ALIGNMENT SERVICE
829-1155 Mt. Airy, Md.



**AWAY
WE... GO!**

All the way to
the top.

MT. AIRY MOTORS
Foreign Car Repair — Pinto & Capri
300 S. Main St. Mt. Airy, Md.
829-1500



To you we say
congratulations and
the very best of luck.

W. R. F. PLUMBING & HEATING
Owner Wm. R. Forman
Rt. #4 Ridgeville, Md.
Mt. Airy, Md. 829-1711

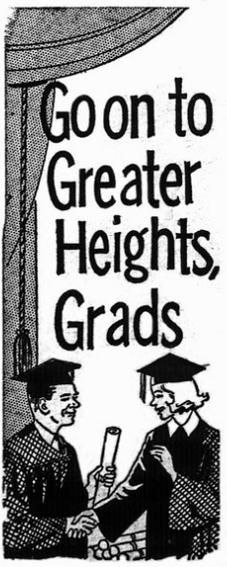
**NICE
GOING**



We hope the going is
even nicer in the years
ahead.

BROWN'S DINER AND RESTAURANT
Rts. 40 & 70N, Mt. Airy, Md.
Open 24 Hours Daily
(301) 829-2320

**Go on to
Greater
Heights,
Grads**



MT. AIRY PANTS FACTORY
829-9870

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the April, May, and June, 1974 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.

- Recently, a neighboring newspaper, the County Courier, carried a statement that their newspaper had 61% more Mount Airy news than any other newspaper including the Community Reporter. The statement is not only grossly unfair, it is definitely untrue. The publishers and editors of the Community Reporter would like to make it crystal clear they have never tried to increase their circulation by making disparaging remarks about any other newspaper. 4/5/74
- Funeral rites were held April 2nd for prominent citizen of this vicinity, H. Deets Warfield, Sr. Born in 1897, Mr. Warfield, president of Damascus Motor Co., has been a Chevrolet dealer since 1917. He was a member of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, chairman of the Advisory Board of the F&M Bank, Mount Airy and Damascus, and Director Emeritus of the Citizens Building and Loan Association. 4/5/74
- The B&O's Old Main Line, a 59 mile section of track between Halethorpe, MD., and Point of Rocks, destroyed by the storm, Agnes was restored to freight service April 2nd after a two-year shut down. Cost of reconstruction amounted to more than \$700,000. The Old Main Line, was so called because it was the B&O's original route westward including the first tracks laid from Baltimore to Ellicott City in 1830 serving shippers. 4/5/74
- The Mount Airy firemen have ordered a 1974 ambulance body from SWAB Company, which is being placed on a Doge chassis at the total cost of \$15,046.34. Over the past three years the present ambulance has answered over 1,800 calls and travelled 65,000 miles. 4/5/74
- On Tuesday, April 2, funeral services were held for local business man, William E. Wagner, 68, of Hill Street, Mount Airy. Mr. Wagner, a lifelong resident and businessman of Mount Airy, was former partner of Smith and Wagner Grocery. He was owner and proprietor of the Mount Airy Locker for 20 years and later became Vice President of Wm. E. Wagner and Son, Inc. He was active in local sports and was former manager of the Mt. Airy baseball team in the Md. State League. He was a charter member of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, a member of the Frederick County Farm Bureau, Prudence Lodge 190 A.F. & A.M., the Isaac Walton League of Mount Airy, social member of American Legion Post 191 and at Calvary Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Dorothea K. Wagner and children, Mrs. Janice Jewels, William E. Wagner, Jr., and Thomas W. Wagner, 4/5/74
- The preservation of agricultural land depends on individual farmers themselves according to Dr. Frank Beaty, Jr., Vice President of Agricultural Affairs at the University of Maryland at College Park. The university educator asked the assembled cattlemen point-blank "How important is it to you and to those who follow you to preserve land for agricultural purposes when a housing or industrial park developer comes calling with a lucrative purchase offer?" 4/5/74
- Mayor Lewis Dixon will be running for re-election on the 6th of May unopposed for Mayor. Two persons will be elected councilmen from the four nominated. There are two incumbents, R. Delaine Hobbs and Leonard Sherman, and two are running for the first time – Tony Vita and Hanford Van Sant. 4/12/74
- The Mt. Airy Shopping Center is rapidly becoming a reality – Safeway Store is to open facility on April 22nd and will feature 10,000 different items. This is the 4th new Safeway opening in Maryland in as many weeks. "Mount Airy residents are indeed fortunate in having such a fine-looking modern shopping center in their midst. This is something that has been needed for some time and, with the town expanding, is a must." 4/19/74

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- **Editorial** Violence! Violence!

“As we pick up the paper or listen to news reports on the television these days, we cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that we are living in an age of sagging moral fiber and lack of principle. Dishonesty, bribery and perjury in high government circles seem to be common practice and all over the world there are scandals of one kind or another, permeating the fiber of international diplomacy. Deep in the heart of it all is an eroding of the moral sensibilities of much of the nation’s youth today. And there is strong suspicion that the breakup of the home and the lack of proper parental supervision are principally responsible.” 4/19/74

- The Browningsville Band is celebrating its 90th birthday. The minstrel group was organized in January 1884. The present membership is 60. William A. Walker was the organizer and first director of the Browningsville Coronet Band and travel during the early life of the band was by horseback or buggies . Today with the leadership of Basil Day, and a proud heritage, the band looks forward to a future rich in personal fulfillment and community service. 4/19/74
- Suit is filed against Mount Airy in a sewer dispute. Fred Stevens is suing for \$13,500 in damages from the town and \$8,500 from the contractor. 4/26/74
- Local resident, Mrs. Virginia Smith, is selected as “Woman of the Year” for the many achievements in the Mount Airy Community. Erica Dods read the presentation on behalf of the Xi Psi Chapter, and presented a yellow rose, the flower of Beta Sigma Phi, and an artifact signed by Sue Molesworth, President. 4/26/74
- Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Gail Ann Rodgers to Larry Alan Frederickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roderic Frederickson of Woodbine. Gail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rodgers, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rhinecker of Mount Airy. Both Larry and Gail are graduates of South Carroll High School, 1971 and 1972. 4/26/74
- Developer, Col. E Brooke Lee unveils his plans to build 325 home units in Mount Airy on 185.5 acres including parks. At the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Chairman Andrew Mason informed Col. Lee that his plans would have to undergo 3 separate phases of approval before they could become a reality. Called the Mt. Airy Ridge Subdivision the project will be located southeast of Mount Airy across the B&O tracks and the average cost of a home would be in the “low \$40,000 range.” 5/3/74
- Ride a Bike Event is rage success – The Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy is pretty proud of its first attempt to coordinate a “Ride a Bike” for MARC (Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens). It grossed in excess of \$2,191.24. Wayne Norwood, who chaired the committee and worked “unstintingly” to make the event a resounding success is congratulated. Those participating in the event ranged from 5 – 49. The first to complete the 10 mile course was Jim Dertzbaugh. Matthew Culwell, age 5, was the youngest participant and completed the 2 mile walking course. 5/10/74
- Friday, May 3rd, the Mt. Airy Jaycees held a drawing for a \$250 shopping spree at Foodrite. Little Brent Baker drew the winning ticket belonging to Miss Julia Steele. 5/10/74
- Available: Brand new 1974 Nova Coupe – 6 cylinder, 3 speed. Full price \$2,596.00. \$2,896.00 will buy a new Chevrolet Fleetside Pickup. Call Jim at Key Chevrolet. 5/10/74
- Pinewood Derby winners listed. At the conclusion of the races, the Mayor challenged the overall winner, 8 year old, Luke Van Gosen. Tension mounted as the Mayor’s sleek black car and Van Gosen’s green “Vanana Peeler”, streaked down the track with the Vanana Peeler beating Mayor Dixon’s car by two lengths! Pack 734 remained champion. 5/10/74

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The South Carroll High School Band captured its 4th first place award in the annual Preakness Festival Parade. On May 4th, the Cavaliers were 1st in the Apple Blossom Festival Parade in Winchester, Va. while earning 96 out of 100 possible points. A total of 128 students comprise the Marching Cavaliers with 90 instrumentalists and 38 members of the band front. The Band Director is Glenn Patterson. 5/17/74
 - Harry Bellison is elected Chairman of the Advisory Board filling the vacancy left by H. Deets Warfield. Mr. Bellison is a familiar figure in Mount Airy having been the manager of the Acme Store from 1920 – 1959. Mr. Bellison, active in community affairs, has served as a town Councilman and member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. He holds several offices in Calvary Methodist Church and is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows Lodge and Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Department. 5/17/74
 - Pony League Baseball got under way May 20th. The Mt. Airy Senators overwhelmed the Mt. Airy Braves 17-in six innings. The Senators attack was led by Rusty Ray with 3 hits and 5 runs batted in and Mike Eggleston with 2 hits and 3 runs batted in. The Braves were held at bay by Senator pitchers Jeff Franklin and Mark Hodgkins, who combined for a no hitter. Franklin struck out 15 men in 5 innings, while Hodgkins struck out 2 in the final inning. 5/24/74
 - The new shopping center held a grand opening on May 22. Mayor Lewis Dixon cut the ribbon with the builder of the center, David C. Smith, and the senior Vice President of the H. L. Rust Company, owner of the center in attendance. Safeway and Drug Fair have been open along with two banks. Dairy Queen and a liquor store are proposed. 5/31/74
 - David Smith has proposed Phase II of the shopping center to include a 60,000 sq. ft. department store and other small businesses. The land adjacent to the shopping center would have to be rezoned from residential to commercial. The Mount Airy Town Council is asked to consider the proposed expansion at the July 1 meeting. 5/31/74
 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith (Frog) met at a surprise reception in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. The affair was given by their son, Mike, and son-in-law and daughter, Kaye and Rusty Dodson. Virginia and Frog were married by the Reverend Ralph Sharp. The attendants at the wedding, Lillian Mack and Carl Smith attended the reception. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sherman, the bride's parents also were in attendance. 5/31/74
 - Mount Airy Kiwanis Club elects new officers on May 28. Those elected were president – Jim Jacobs; vice president – Andy Mason; treasurer – Dave Manley; and board members – Charles Fram, Paul Beal, Bob Wagner and Dwight Walker. 6/7/74
 - College Graduates -
 - David Flora, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Flora, Sr., received a BA degree with a major in biology from Bridgewater College in Virginia. He has been a Dean's List Student and active in the Pinion Players.
 - Michael Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mason, graduated with honors from the University of Delaware with a degree in Computer Sciences. He has accepted a position with Kodak in Rochester, New York.
- Two Carroll County residents received degrees from West Virginia Wesleyan 84th Commencement, Brian Arthur Knauff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Knauff, received a BA in economics, Larry A. Van Sant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanford Van Sant, received a Bachelor of Sciences degree in business administration. 6/7/74
- Pastor Talley is reassigned to Calvary Methodist Church. Rev. Richard Davis is appointed to Prospect – Marvin charge. Rev. Charles Reed appointed to Taylorsville. Rev. Kenneth E. Brown becomes Pastor of Mt. Olive – Mt. Zion. Rev. Judson Hulsey goes to Lisbon – Poplar Springs charge. 6/7/74

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Mr. Robert Lowman, well known resident of the community and longtime subscriber to the Community Reporter will be celebrating his 83rd birthday June 19th. 6/14/74
- Applications for the 1974-1975 tax credit are now available. To be eligible for a tax credit at least one homeowner must be 65 before July 1, 1974. You must live in the house you own and your income for 1973 must be less than \$5,000.⁰⁰ excluding Social Security and Railroad Retirement. 6/14/74
- Lions Carnival to be held June 24 – June 29th. Nightly entertainment will include South Carroll High School Band, Mt. Airy Sparklers, Browningsville Band, Irene and the Country Rascals, Allen Brown and the Wishing Well, and 4 Country Squares with Caller Bob Harrison. Dancing every evening 9 –12 with music by LOCO. 6-21-74
- At the budget hearing for the town of Mount Airy June 17th the annual budget was approved. The tax rate of 80¢ per \$100 assessed value remains unchanged. 6/21/74
- The 14th annual Diamond Jubilee was held by the Kiwanis Club on June 5th. Special guests were welcomed by Ellis Leatherwood. 38 guests were present with special gifts and recognition given to Mr. Jesse Day at 88 and Mrs. Dora Gosnell, 86. 6/21/74
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arbutine, Rt. 3 Mount Airy, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ann, to Joseph Mark Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Joseph Richards of Mount Airy. Mr. Richards is a 74 graduate of South Carroll High School employed at present by Martin Electric. Miss Arbutine will be a 75 graduate of Linganore High School. 6/21/74
- On May 30, Mr. and Mrs. Ghail Kolb of Mount Airy and Mr. and Mrs. Kaye Kolb of Westminster were guests of Mr. Edgar Shipley at Westminster Senior Citizens Club. Mr. Shipley, who will be 92 on August 5th, entertained the group with lively music played on his violin which he started playing at the age of 6. Mr. Shipley is the uncle of Mrs. Ghail Kolb, the former Beatrice Shipley, and talks of playing music at various places in Carroll County for the last 80 years. The violin he usually plays he purchased 55 years ago for \$15.00. He values it today at \$1,000 or more.

Mr. Shipley was asked about the changes seen in his lifetime – One story told to him by his mother was about the Civil War. “There was a large hay field on their farm at Hoods Mill. The soldiers coming from Cooksville on their way to Westminster and Gettysburg stopped by and spent the night in the hay field. Next morning there was no hay – the horses had eaten it all.” The time he remembers as June 1863. Another story says his father was one of the first to grow and distill worm seed. When his father filled a gallon jug he took it to Baltimore on a huckster wagon. He mentioned the old distillery near Taylorsville but he says “the younger people don’t know of worm seed – there is so much to know about Carroll County, but it seems everybody is too busy to take the time.” 6/28/74

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