



MUSEUM MEMOS

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Christmas Quilt Raffle

The Historical Society will once again raffle off a beautiful, blue-ribbon-winning quilt made by the Animal Health Center's very own Nanci O'Brien. This year's quilt measures 34 1/2" x 34 1/2" and features a reindeer in flight over a Christmas town. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$25.00.

Tickets may be purchased on the Historical Society's website at:

www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org

or in person at the Blossom and Basket Boutique or at the Historical Society Museum. When you buy your ticket online you will automatically be entered into the drawing. Drawing will be December 12, 2021. Winner will be notified.



Christmas Quilt for 2021 by Nanci O'Brien

This is one of the Historical Society's major fundraisers, thanks to Nanci.

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 Museum.

Thomas Walker

Janine E. Grossman

Welcome New Members

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

- Rebecca W. Koford
- Damascus Heritage Society, Inc.

Stories and Photos Wanted

If you have stories or photographs you would like to contribute for the Historical Society's quarterly newsletter, please contact us at:

historicalsocietyofmountairymd@earthlink.net

Any stories about Mount Airy, its people, businesses or local events are welcome.

Discover the History of Mount Airy!

Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

See our operating train display that models the railyard once located on North Main Street. Other exhibits describe the businesses that served our community, the B&O Railroad and the children's hospital once located here.

Open Saturdays and Sundays noon until 4 p.m.

The Civil War in Mount Airy

Maryland, being a border state and a slave state, had men who fought on both sides during the Civil War. Both the Union and Confederate armies and navies drew soldiers and sailors from Maryland into their services. Maryland, like other northern states instituted a draft that took men into the service of the Union.

The area around and including Mount Airy also contributed men to both sides of the war effort. Over the next year or so, we will present brief stories of some of these men.

Andrew J. Baker

Andrew Jackson Baker was born September 8, 1840 in the Franklin District of Carroll County, Maryland, the election district that includes Mount Airy. His father, Samuel Baker, was a blacksmith and ran a shop on what is now Gillis Falls Road at the junction of what is now Watersville Road. Andrew was one of the 11 children of Samuel Baker and Elizabeth Justice Baker. Andrew's mother died in 1856, when Andrew was 15. He continued to live with his father and learned the trade of blacksmithing.

On September 1, 1862 Andrew J. Baker enlisted as a Private in Captain M. W. Henry's Company of the Stuart Horse Artillery, Confederate Army, at the rate of pay of 40¢ per day. He remained with the unit for the entire war. As an artilleryman, Andrew was engaged at the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, the cavalry battle at Brandy Station, Virginia, the battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the siege of Petersburg, Virginia. He was with the army when it was surrendered by General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia.

After the war, Andrew Baker returned to Carroll County and became a blacksmith and a farmer along Gillis Falls Road. In 1868 he married Hannah Mary Hood. Andrew and Hannah had only one adopted child, William Sentz.

Andrew and Hannah Baker later moved to the Woodville area just north of Mount Airy in Frederick County. Andrew became a merchant and property owner in the village of Mount Airy. Hannah died in 1917 and Andrew died in 1925. They were buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Mount Airy.

Isaiah Murdock

Isaiah Murdock was born in June of 1836 in Carroll County, Maryland. He was the son of Aaron Murdock and Marsilla Stuntly. The 1850 U.S. Census showed Isaiah Murdock, age 14, living on the farm of Hanson T. and Julia A. English (Engles) in Carroll County near Winfield. The 1860 Census showed him at age 23, still living on that farm. Isaiah was a laborer, not a slave.

On August 4, 1863, Isaiah Murdock enlisted in Baltimore for three years as a Private in Company F, 4th Regiment U.S. Colored Infantry. He was described as age 28, being 5' 6" tall, having a light brown complexion, black hair and black eyes. He was a blacksmith born in Carroll County, Maryland. After his enlistment, he was detailed as the Brigade Butcher. During his time with the regiment, he was posted in Yorktown, Virginia with the regiment and he took part in several expeditions up the peninsula of Virginia. He was also present during the siege of Petersburg and participated in the Battle of the Crater. In December of 1864, Isaiah and his regiment were sent to make a failed attempt on Fort Fischer, North Carolina. In January of 1865, he was detached from his regiment and assigned to the Division Pioneers, a large company-sized unit that performed a variety of duties in support of the combatants such as constructing and repairing bridges and roads and burial of the dead. During that time, the Union army made a second successful attack on Fort Fischer and occupied the fort, closing off the Cape Fear River to blockade runners and leading to the capture of Wilmington, North Carolina in February. He returned to his regiment in March and he witnessed the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnson in North Carolina in April 1865.

On May 4, 1866, he was mustered out of the army in Washington, D.C. Afterwards, Isaiah took up residence in Frederick County. He married Cecelia Cooper on December 29, 1869 in Carroll County. They lived near Linganore in Frederick County and had four children, Florence, born around 1872, Ezra, born around 1874, Minnie C., born around 1878, and Noah, born in 1879. Isaiah supported his family as a laborer.

Isaiah Murdock died January 24, 1908. He is buried in Fairview United Methodist Church Cemetery in Unionville, Carroll County.

After Isaiah's death, Cecelia moved to Baltimore and lived with her daughter, Minnie.

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The Civil War in Mount Airy

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John R. Fossett

John R. Fossett was born March 4, 1844 on the farm of his father, Thomas Fossett, and mother, Maranda Frizzle Fossett. The farm was located just to the west of Winfield along Liberty Road. John was one of four children.

On August 9, 1862 at the age of 20 years, 5 months, he enlisted in Westminster as a Private in Company A, 6th Regiment Maryland Infantry for three years or the duration of the war. He remained with the regiment during postings at Williamsport and Hagerstown, Maryland in September and November of 1862 and at Maryland Heights in Maryland from December 1862 through March 1863. The regiment moved to Berryville, Virginia at the end of March 1863. John Fossett was detached from the regiment in May and June of 1863 to serve with the teamsters, responsible for carrying supplies to the army using wagons and teams of animals. He returned to the regiment in July and August of 1863 and participated in the army's actions in and around Manassas, Virginia. In September he was again detached from his regiment to serve in the Division Pioneers. He was wounded near Petersburg, Virginia on June 23, 1864 and sent to a General Hospital to recover. In July, after he recovered, he returned to the Pioneers and remained with them until the end of the war. He was mustered out of the army on June 20, 1865 in Washington, D.C.

After the war, John R. Fossett returned to the farm in Carroll County, Maryland. On November 21, 1865 he married Hannah Williams born March 17, 1838. John and Hannah had four children: Sarah Elizabeth born in 1866; Mary Ann born in 1869; Richard Thomas born in 1872; Oswald born and died in 1875; Charles G. born October 19, 1876.

John's wife Hannah died on September 9, 1890 at the age of 52. She was buried at Ebenezer United Methodist Church Cemetery. Afterwards, John moved to Westminster.

John married Sarah Jane Williams Kimmey on December 18, 1891. She was born on August 14, 1852. Sarah Jane died July 23, 1925. She is buried in Deer Park Cemetery in Smallwood, Carroll County.

John died May 15, 1933 and was buried at Ebenezer United Methodist Church Cemetery in Winfield.



Hannah and John R. Fossett

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Advertisement from the Community Reporter
Friday, December 4, 1931

Editor's Note: The following story appeared in the Community Reporter on November 20, 1931, 90 years ago.

1931 Pack of Mt. Airy Canning Co. Totals Six Million Cans

Large Crop of Peas Boosts Total Pack – Laid End Against End, the 5,953,248 Cans Would Reach from Here to Niagara Falls.

When 1931 operations at the Mt. Airy Canning Company cease within the next few days, nearly six million cans of vegetables will have been packed. To be exact, the grand total is 5,953,248.

Figuring 24 cans to the case, all vegetables packed at the local plant during 1931 would total 248,052 cases. To put it differently, if the 5,953,248 cans were laid end against end, they would reach from Mt. Airy to Niagara Falls or from Mt. Airy to Springfield, Ohio. And, 248 freight cars, more than two entire trains, would be required to mover the 1931 pack from the local factory.

The past season, according to factory officials, saw considerably more vegetables canned than any previous year. An abnormally large yield of peas, it was pointed out, was largely responsible for this year's mammoth operation.

Pea Pack Totals 85,000 Cases.

In the number of cases packed, peas takes an easy lead with 85,000. Corn in second at 59,935, followed by 36,177 cases of limas. With a grand total of 35,082 cases, succotash is next in order, followed by tomatoes, 15,777; carrots, 10,023; sauer kraut, 3,558; and mixed vegetables, 2,500.

Shipments leaving the local plant will average nearly a car load a day since late in September. In addition to shipments by rail, a large quantity of locally-packed vegetables are trucked to Baltimore, to be routed to the west coast via water. Exports to eastern countries account for a large portion of the west-coast shipments.



The Roman Coliseum



These photographs were taken at the MAVFC Fireman's Parade in 1948. The building in the background, located on Main Street between the old Firehouse and the Flat Iron Building, was known as the "Roman Coliseum". These may be two of the only photos of this building. If you have a photo of the building, please contact us at the museum. Photos thanks to Donald & Linda Brightwell

Happy Holidays

All of us at the Historical Society of Mount Airy wish you all a happy and healthy Hannukah and Christmas.

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 2020 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. We plan to hold the 2020 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony in March of 2021. The program will then be given to guests during the event. We will forego nominating new Hall of Fame members for 2021. Please support the following businesses, which contribute so much to our great community.

Mount Airy Hall of Fame Supporters

- American Legion Post 191
- Auxiliary to the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co.
- Blade Busters Lawn Cutting, Firewood, Snow Removal
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- MacKenzie A. Kantruss, Attorney at Law
- Mount Airy Ace Hardware
- Mount Airy Lions Club
- Mount Airy Main Street Association (MAMSA)
- NWSB Bank, A Division of ACNB Bank
- New York J&P Pizza
- Paul Clay, Real Estate Consulting RE/MAX Realty Plus
- Rotary Club of Mount Airy
- SK Printing
- Steve Jackson Real Estate Teams, LLC
- Team Bonnie and Maureen - RE/MAX Realty Plus

- The Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce
- The Mount Airy Inn
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Early bird games at 6:30/ Regular game starts at 7

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Cost is \$30 for **two** bingo packs (Early bird games \$5 each)

Call 301-703-1430 (leave message) to reserve tickets or

Purchase online historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org with PayPal or stop by museum and purchase (credit cards accepted)

There will be early bird games, 20 regular games, 4 specials raffles, door prizes, and 50/50.

Dinner and snacks will be available for purchase before and during bingo.



Annual Mount Airy Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony

The Annual Mount Airy Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2021. After being postponed for two years, finally our newest members of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame Class of 2020 will be honored and inducted. The Class of 2020 consists of Sandy Cullison deWitt Dutterer, Evaleen Moxley Leon, Ruth Schmidt, Larry Valett. Tickets sold for the long postponed 2000 event will be honored for this special evening. Additional tickets are on sale at the Mount Airy Museum.

Editor's Note: The following two stories appeared in the Community Reporter on December 18, 1931. The first story should make you smile.

Two Local Men Hesitate in Accepting Comforts of Jail

Penetrating Colds of Tuesday Night Forces Local Travelers to Seek Warmth in Jail in Westminster

The report comes from Westminster that two Mt. Airy men had waited long and patiently in front of the jail there Tuesday night for the return of a friend. In fact, they waited so long in an automobile that they were past being chilly – according to our information they were real cold.

But still, they had some hesitancy about seeking warmth behind the friendless walls of the county lockup. They decided it would be the manlier thing to remain outside and shiver. And remain outside they did until nearly overcome by the cold.

Now in Mt. Airy at least one of this pair is made of sterner stuff – he could lick his weight in wildcats. Even so, the cold was piercing his leather coat and reason was fast gaining the upper hand. He agreed with his companion that it would be better inside the jail than out: that he would be better inside the jail than out: that he would be willing to take a chance on getting out.

So up to the bastille they sauntered. Their knock was answered by a deputy who challenged them with the question:

“Want to spend the night here boys?”

Together, and with haste, they assured the jailer that they only wanted to get out of the cold.

And so the kind offer of a free night's lodging was refused.

Man Overcome by Gas In Ridgeville Tunnel

A.S. Myers, 1518 Jackson St., Baltimore, was overcome by soft coal gas in the Ridgeville tunnel Tuesday night. Myers was a member of a relief train crew sent to assist in moving a heavy train which was stalled due to slippery rails. The man was treated by Dr. J. Stanley Grabill.

Editor's Note: The story that follows is from the Community Reporter of October 23, 1931.

Church Debt Paid in Full

Mortgage On Property Burned Sunday

Mortgage Burned By Calvary M. E. Church on Sunday

Impressive Service Marks Liquidation of Entire Debt on Parsonage and Church.

Spirit of Cooperation Lauded by Rev. Langrall

Obligations Totaling \$36,000 Were Assumed in 1916 When Present Edifice Was Built

Calvary M. E. Church, Mt. Airy, the Rev. O. B. Langrall, pastor, is now entirely free of debt. Impressive services in the nature of a mortgage-burning were held at the church Sunday evening.

Fourteen candles, symbolic of the elements of the present edifice of the M. E. congregation, were applied to a paper representing the mortgage by men who had served on the building committee. Prior to the mortgage-burning, a report of monies spent during the erection of the parsonage and church was read by J. L. Burdette.

The erection of the present handsome edifice and parsonage of Calvary M. E. Church was begun in 1916, during the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Ely, who served the local congregation from 1914 until 1920. By the erection of the church and parsonage, the congregation assumed obligations totaling \$36,000.

Spirit of Cooperation Told.

A glowing tribute was paid his church Sunday night by Rev. Langrall, who declared that only the utmost cooperation was manifested last year when he solicited the congregation for pledges to raise the few thousand dollars which at the time remained due on the mortgage. A paper representing the mortgage, surrounded by various colored candles was explained, each of the fourteen men on the altar was handed one.

Church Darkened.

After the entire church was darkened, a large candle was lighted by Rev. Langrall. Advancing singly to the lone candle, each of the fourteen men ignited their

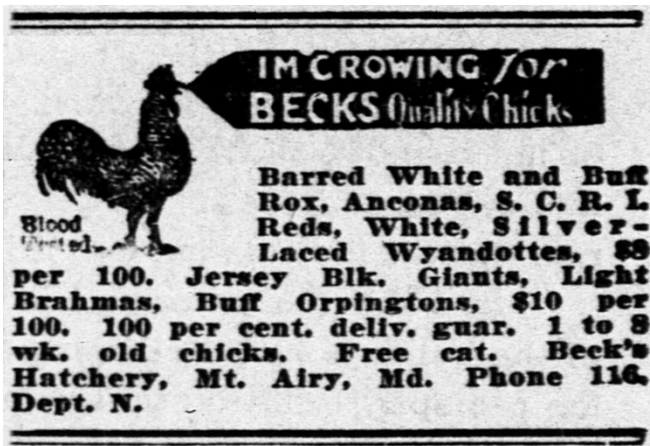
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candle. The entire group of fourteen builders then set fire to the mortgage. The flames from the paper flaring upward in a darkened church, magnificently illustrated the wiping out of all debts.

Ministers who have served Calvary M. E. Church during the liquidation of the debt assumed when the parsonage and present church was built include Rev. Charles E. Ely, 1914-1920; Rev. F. R. Isaac, 1920-1923; Rev. E. R. Spencer, 1923-1928; Rev. O. B. Langrall, 1928—.

“Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; Amen.”



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Ad from the Community Reporter
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Great Holiday Gift Ideas

Looking for gifts for those hard-to-shop-for people? Stop by the Mount Airy Museum on Saturday or Sunday and shop at our gift shop. Books, Christmas ornaments and stocking stuffers are available for purchase and the proceeds of all sales go toward the support of the museum and the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland. Books available are:

- *A Vision of Home* – a history of Mount Airy
- *The Mt. Airy and B&O Story* – by “B” Beck
- *A Rolling Slice of Main Street – MacKenzie Comes Home to Mount Airy*
- *A Taste of Mount Airy Past & Present* – our hometown recipe book
- *B&O Power – Steam, Diesel and Electric Power of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad* – from the B&O Historical Society

And our latest publication: *Fire! Fire! Fire! – The History of Mount Airy's Most Significant Fires of the 19th and 20th Centuries* by Larry Valett

Also for sale is the 2021 Mount Airy Christmas ornament featuring the Pine Grove Chapel and stuffing stuffers such as coloring books, Mac the Caboose pencil sharpeners, train whistles and many other small gifts.



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Ad from the Community Reporter
Friday, December 4, 1931

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the October, November, and December, 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.

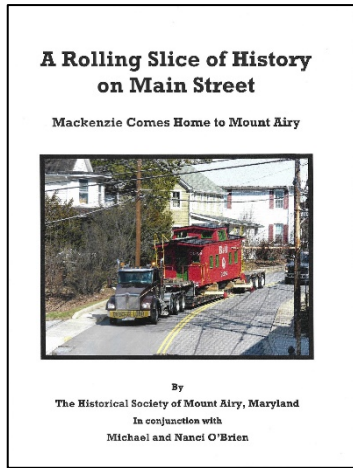
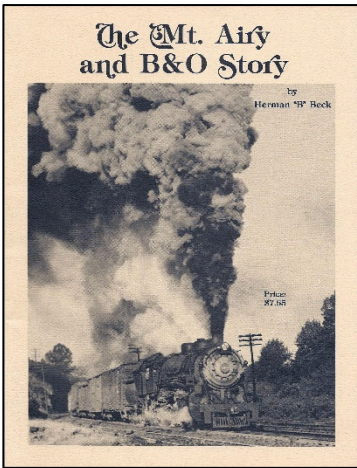
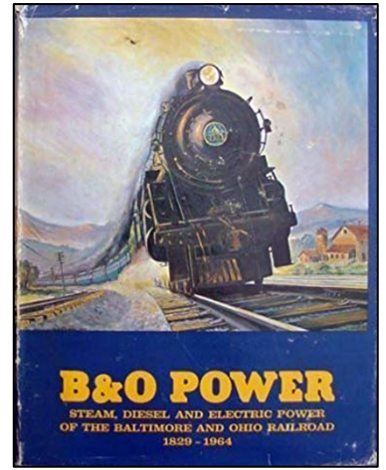
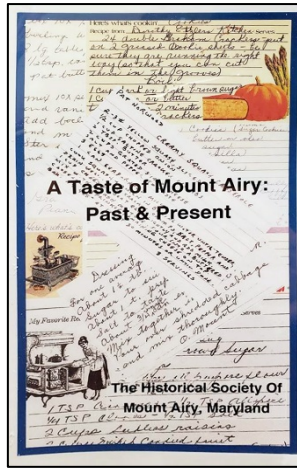
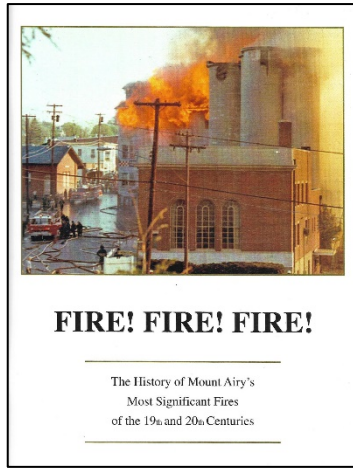
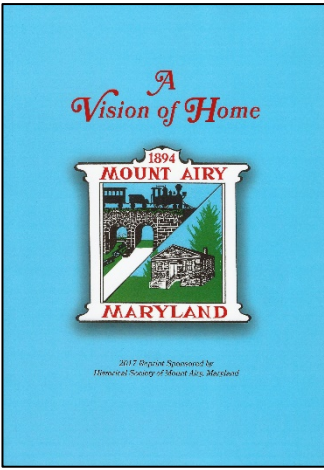
- A new 4-H Club is organized in this area due to increased membership. The Mt. Airy Senior Girls' 4-H Club (grades 6-12) is under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Stevens and Mrs. Marge Morel. The Junior Club (grades 4 and 5) will be under the leadership of Mrs. Peggy Jones and Mrs. Pat Cannaday. 10/1/71
- Miss Karen Elaine Ellis was crowned the Carroll County Fire Queen October 1st. The Master of Ceremonies was William C. Duvall. The flower bearer was Miss Tracey Snell, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Snell and the crown bearer was Master Paul Lyon, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lyons. Mrs. Jean King was in charge of this year's program. 10/8/71
- The Boy Scouts held a Court of Honor at Calvary Methodist Church October 4th, when 12 new scouts were inducted to the troop mostly from the Webeles. They included David Burdette, Eric Carlson, Doug Day, Jeff Day, Mark Dertzbaugh, Bill Miller, Ricky Schrider, John Shank, Kevin Shank, Tim Taylor, Bradley Van Gosen and John Vita. 10/8/71
- Mrs. Barbara Fleming recently returned from a month's stay in Europe, where she spent three weeks in Geneva, Switzerland working in the press office for the U.S. Delegation to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Use of Atomic Energy. She is employed in the public information division of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and is married to Kenneth Fleming. 10/8/71
- Layman's Sunday, October 10th, the Methodist Men will have breakfast at Calvary Church. Cook Crew is Richard Smith, Ray Simpson, Russell Ray and Ivan Colburn. The Cleanup Crew will be Wayne Norwood, Harold Pevey and Harry Nikirk. 10/8/71
- Local Kiwanis Club stresses service to the community. Bob Haight is the new president of the club. Two goals which will be continued are "Operation Drug Alert" and the attempt to bridge the gap between the youth and the adult community primarily through the Key Club projects. 10/15/71
- The Gold Star Post, American Legion, is planning activities – The Little German Band, known as the Old Timers, will play Friday for dancing and entertainment. On October 24th, the Countrymen will play for the first Buddy Hood Oyster Roast will play of the season. The "Great White Hunters" – Bill Warfield, Garland Mann, Bobby Callahan and Preston Brown, have returned from Newfoundland. The big kill consisted of three moose, four caribou and one bear. The hunters had a great time despite a hurricane and snowstorm. 10/15/71
- Highs Dairy Store will open October 20 at the intersection of Rt. 27 and 144, through the new Master Plan adopted by the Mayor and Council last year. 10/15/71
- A concert by President Nixon's Marine Corps Band is being sponsored by the Mt. Airy and Frederick Kiwanis Clubs. This band, known as the "President's Own", has been available for Presidential disposition since 1798 by an act of Congress. One of its earliest leaders, John Phillip Sousa, wrote many of America's most famous marches. It was under the direction of Mr. Sousa in 1891, the year that national tours of the Marine Band originated. 10/22/71
- On October 17th members and friends of the Mt. Airy Baptist Church gathered on the property site north of Mount Airy to break ground for the church building to be erected in the near future. 10/29/71
- The three yellow crosswalks in Mount Airy are now a reality. They are in front of the Western Auto, the office of the Community Reporter and the local library. These crosswalks are to be used by all pedestrians, who will have the "right of way". 10/29/71

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Mount Airy Lions Club observed 31 years of service to the community with dinner for 135 at the Red Horse Inn at Frederick. Toastmaster was Murray D. Ryan, District Governor. Special recognition was made to six original Charter Members: Harry Clower, Norman Etzler, Charles Gendell, Henry Runkles, Murray Ryan and Jack Steel. Lion Leonard Hoade received a 25-year pin, 25-year perfect attendance tab and a pin for becoming a member of the quarter-century club. 10/29/71
- Free glaucoma tests are being given at Mt. Airy Middle School November 7th courtesy of the Lions Club. 11/5/71
- Saddle Pals held a very successful horse show with 56 horses entered in the lively competition. Gene Hetrick served as judge and Bonnie Mills was the announcer. 11/5/71
- The Mt. Airy Library is installing an automatic check-out system – no more writing up your own books. Take them to the desk, the librarian will do all the work for you. You need a library card for every member of the family over 7 years old. 11/5/71
- Members of the third 4-H Cat Project met October 30 in Woodbine for special judging of the 4-Hers Cats. Lori Burns, Lisa Hammond and Jeannine Lecka, all of Mount Airy, were among the winners. 11/5/71
- Amos O. Twenty, Jr. and family were winners in a number of fairs they participated in during the summer showing their Holsteins. 11/5/71
- John E. Hahn, an employee of the Social Security Administration, received a Commissioner's Citation for significant contributions in the development of a comprehensive training program for the Bureau of Health Insurance. 11/12/71
- Private Don F. Plunkard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Plunkard, recently completed 8 weeks of basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. 11/12/71
- The Sandra Lee Motel was the scene of a holdup last week. A man in his 20s armed with two pistols tied up the owner, Mr. Raymond Molesworth, hand and foot, then stole \$140.00 from the motel and took Mr. Molesworth's watch from his arm. Mr. Molesworth was not injured and the robber escaped. 11/12/71
- After years of dreaming, Carroll County Association of Retarded Children, opened its sheltered workshop located at Carroll Haven in Westminster in September. The workshop offers training in work experience and industrial production to the mentally and physically handicapped in Carroll County. This is an initial work experience for most. Now, it is hoped, many will become self-sufficient and perhaps even self-supporting members of society with economic independence. 11/12/71
- Editorial: "Welfare Payments for Strikers" A Committee of the Maryland Legislature has recommended by a vote of 7 – 2 that workers on strike should be permitted to receive state welfare payments. "This is your money, dear taxpayer," When we begin to pay people who are out of work, not because there is no work for them to perform but purely because they do not choose to work, things are coming to a sorry pass. The laborer is "worthy of his hire", but it is high time for the tax paying public to insist that "those who will not work, shall not eat!". 11/12/71
- Work is progressing on the new Carousel Beauty Hut next to the Community Reporter on Main Street. Sandra Horman and Virginia Sherman are the owners of this new venture. 11/19/71
- A much-needed business boom is happening in Mount Airy. Besides the Carousel Beauty Hut opening on December 1st, in the Ridgeville area, next to the Windsor Forest Barber Shop owned by Harry Fava and not far from the new Highs Store, work is progressing on a new pizza parlor co-owned by Anthony Vita and Alex Warlecki. Also work has begun on renovating the Wilkins Building on Main Street, preparing for the Mount Airy office of H and R Block. Mount Airy is also to have a second attorney, James R. Martin, whose office will be in the building owned by Mr. Morley Harrison. That building is getting a facelift so things "are looking up" for Mount Airy. There will be a grand opening for "Heads-Up Hair Fashions" on November 30th owned by Gail Foreman. 11/26/71

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Anchor Christmas Tree Plantation on Talbot Run and Woodville Road offers lovely greens and Christmas trees, the result of the hard work of Captain E. M. Waldron (U.S.N Retired). Their home was built on the site of the old Friendship Woolen Mills factory in Mount Airy, which was in existence from the early 1700s to 1904. The factory was torn down and the bricks were used in constructing the two-story farmhouse. 12/3/71
- Coach Fred Baker announces the starting lineup in basketball for South Carroll High School. At forward, two returning lettermen, Kevin Allsop and Mike Johnson. Richard Barbe will go in as center and Jeff Schlatterbach and Marvin Whittaker return as guards. 12/3/71
- The Druid Theatre is showing King of the Grizzlies and Wild Country. 12/10/71
- Calvary United Methodist Church will present the cantata “Born a King” on December 12th. Soloists will be David Manley, Norman Etzler, Jack Steel and Joe Talley. The quartet will be Mary Jane Wilson, Shirley Dubel, Norma Lee Dennis and Jean King. Steve Robinson will be the reader. 12/10/71
- Rules for the Christmas Doorway Contest were again listed with information that for the first time there will be a separate class for any interested young person 12 years or younger. They may decorate a window, lamppost or mailbox. 12/10/71
- Ferguson Company has been paid 60% of their fee for the sewer system of Mount Airy. 12/10/71
- A Mount Airy man, Francis Edward Runkles, operator of Runkles Brick Yard, near town, was found murdered on the back porch of his home on December 4th. 12/10/71
- Building permits were issued for work in Carroll County. Mt. Airy Baptist Church, west side of Rt. 27, to build a new church, Mt. Airy Development, Inc., north side of Watersville Road, for a new apartment house, and David Snell, III, east side of Runkles Road, for a new greenhouse. 12/10/71
- “Cut Your Own” Christmas trees at Snell’s from 4 – 16 feet, your choice - \$2.98 each. 12/17/71
- Principal Chester G. Elder announced that two girls at South Carroll High School received letters of commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1971 National Merit Qualifying Test. The girls are Barbara Jeanne Horner and Concetta Marie Miles 12/17/71
- Mrs. Latimer Watkins hosted the Bee and Thistle Garden Club for their Christmas party on December 8th. Mrs. Charles Gendell is president of the club. 12/17/71
- Members of the American Legion were invited to a moose and caribou dinner at Post 191 Legion Hall on December 22nd. 12/17/71
- Two new stores are now in business: M. B. Dyker Import gift shop in Ridgeville and Ann Sowers Antiques on Buffalo Road with hand-painted and used furniture. 12/17/71
- Lisa Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammond, has earned 3rd place in a National Environmental Contest sponsored by Scholastic Magazine and Royal Crown Cola. Her essay was on the improvement made to the bird sanctuary in the Spring of 1971. The project was sponsored by Mrs. Laura Day’s 4th grade class. Lisa was among the youngest children involved in the contest, a fifth-grade student at the time. 12/24/71
- David Hodgdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hodgdon, member of Boy Scout Troop 460, received the God and Country award on November 28th. This is one of the highest awards to earn in scouting. David’s conservation project was planting 75 spruce and pine seedlings donated by the Mt. Airy Kiwanis Club. 12/24/71



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