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Celebrating America Carroll County

Celebrating America Carroll County is an inclusive collaboration of county government, local municipalities, private and non-profit organizations, businesses, individuals, and other interested parties who garner participation, broaden understanding, welcome visitors, and encourage residents to learn more about Carroll County's role in American History. One of its many partner organizations is the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland.

The organization sponsors a number of events during the year to encourage people to learn about history, in particular the history of Carroll County. Its biggest event is the Celebrating America Expo, an event that allows the museums, historical societies, reenactors and other historical organizations of Carroll County to promote themselves. The Celebrating America Expo also supports Carroll County Public School's History Day competition for middle and high school students. The Expo is free and open to the public. It features presentations, displays, and guest speakers. It also provides a place for History Day participants to show off their projects.

The History Day competition, each year, allows students to discover history by creating historical research projects. Through the process, students develop skills in communication, project management, and historical thinking. Carroll County History Day is the first round of competition. Students who win at the county competition will move up to Maryland History Day. Winners there then move on to National History Day. The Historical Society of Mount Airy, along with other partner organizations in Carroll County recognize and award students who tie their project to local history. Students choose a historical topic related to that year's specific theme, which for the 2023 - 2024 school year is "Turning Points in History: people, places, and ideas."

Students develop a thesis, and through analysis of sources, draw conclusions about the significance of their selected topic. Presentations may take the form of a paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, or a web site.

There are two levels (or divisions) of participation. "Junior" is for grades 6 – 8 and "Senior" is grades 9 – 12. Students can work in groups. Some written materials are required for all project categories. Information about this can be found in the contest's Rule Book. The rule book will be available on the Carroll County History Day website once it is updated for the 2023-2024 school year or students can check with their social studies teachers.

Dates for the Carroll County, Maryland and National History Days are not currently available, but will be provided on the Carroll County History Day website when released.

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland offers two \$250.⁰⁰ prizes for participants of the History Day competition; one prize awarded at the Junior level and one at the Senior level. To win, the project must meet this year's theme and specifically address topics concerning the history of Mount Airy. Winners will be selected from all projects that meet the stated requirements by a panel of judges including members of the Historical Society

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Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

The Museum is open
Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon until 4 p.m.
and Wednesday from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.
during the Farmer's Market

Celebrating America Carroll County (Continued)

Possible subjects for students seeking to compete for these prizes include, but are not limited to the following:

- Impact of B&O Railroad on growth of Mt. Airy
- Impact of the National Road (RT 144) on the growth of Mt. Airy
- History of the Canning Factory
- Role of Mount Airy in the Civil War
- Underground Railroad during the Civil War in Mt. Airy and its impact on emancipation of slaves
- Impact of U.S Colored Troops in Mt. Airy on progress of the Civil War
- Impact of railroad riots on Main Street Mt. Airy in the summer of 1901
- Auctioning of Henry Bussard's property in 1884 resulting in the boomtown growth of Mt. Airy in the late 1880s,

If you know any Carroll County middle school or high school aged children who have an interest in history, please let them know about the History Day competition.

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.

- Sylvia & Joe Cochran
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- Joseph Thompson

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:

- Michelle Carlin
- Todd & Tracey DeMario
- Donna Ecker
- Karen & Jason Evans (Life Members)
- Sally Merchant
- Anthony & Marissa Pearce
- Joan Saverwein
- Joseph Thompson

Wanted

Old photographs and memorabilia of the people, places, businesses and events of Mount Airy, Maryland. 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.

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Ad from the Community Reporter April 16, 1943

The Runkles Family – Early Settlers of Mount Airy

The following excerpts come from the two-volume series entitled “The History of Frederick County” by historian Thomas Williams, who paints an amazing portrait of many early pioneers in Mount Airy. From this source and many others, we can explore a little further into Mount Airy’s history.

One of Mount Airy’s first pioneers was Joseph Just Runkles (b.1773). His parents were emigrants from Germany. During their journey across the Atlantic, Joseph was born. At a certain age, Joseph settled in the wilderness, which was once Mount Airy. Joseph devoted his life to farming and established a farm of 175 acres near Woodville. He built his home, a house of hewn logs, in the midst of the woods. The first dwelling was replaced by a comfortable home in 1864. Joseph Runkles was married to Susanna Bussard (1764-1847). Susanna was most likely Henry’s aunt. Together, Joseph and Susanna had eight children: John, Joseph Jr., Samuel, William, Basil, Daniel, Brice, and Nancy. Joseph and his wife died at their home, and were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their progeny have since left an indelible mark on Mount Airy.

Joseph Runkles’ son, Samuel Runkles (1797-1886), was the third son of his parents, and was born on the Runkles homestead in Mount Airy. He grew up during the pioneering days of the county. As a young man, he served his country during the War of 1812. He became a cooper and turned out many barrels from his workshop which stood along Main Street not far from his birthplace. He afterwards turned his attention to farming the homestead which he cultivated until his old age. He was a Whig, and thereafter a Republican. Samuel married Elizabeth Clary (1811-1881) and they had seven children: Upton, Samuel T., John B., Sarah E., Theodosia, William H., and Edward H. Elizabeth Runkles died in 1883 at age 74. Samuel died at home in 1886.

Samuel’s son, William H. Runkles, was born at the old home of the Runkles family, near Mount Airy, on March 29, 1839. William spent his boyhood and early youth on the Runkles’ homestead, and received his education in the Prospect Public School which he attended each year until he was eighteen. He remained at home until he was twenty-five when he began farming for himself on the homestead. In 1863, he married Emily Van Sant, and together they had seven

children. In 1879, he purchased Maple Lawn Farm, of about 75 acres, near Woodville. He was a member of the Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church and served on the board of Trustees. William was a Prohibitionist in his later years. He died on October 1904, and is buried in the Prospect Church Cemetery.

Samuel’s younger brother, Basil Runkles, was also born on the home farm near Mount Airy in 1799. He was one of the pioneers of the county, and shared in all the trials and hardships incident to life in an untrodden forest. He received some education, and began farming on land near Ridgeville. According to historian Thomas Williams, Basil kept an Inn at Ridgeville and afterwards Mount Airy for a period of time, although we have no information on when or where they were located. However, Basil at length returned to the home farm in Woodville District, where he spent the last fifty years of his life caring for his land. When interviewed before his death, Basil Runkles remembered the first train that passed through town. He was a man of fine physique, tall and well proportioned. At the age of twenty he weighed two hundred pounds. He was a great hunter and the rifle which he carried on his excursions was in the possession of the family for many years. This relic, an old flintlock, was nearly six feet long. Basil Runkles was a Whig and afterwards a Republican. Basil Runkles was married to Rebecca Henry and they had six children before Rebecca died. Basil married again to Mary Ellen Mentzer, and together they had nine children. Basil died at home on his farm at the age of 94 in 1906.



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Ad from the Community Reporter April 16, 1943

Editor's Note:

The following two articles are from the Community Reporter. The first article was included in the April 2, 1943 edition and the second article in the May 28, 1943 edition.

At the time, Oscar Baker and Zeke Watkins, two of our local men who fought in WWII, were in in Basic Infantry Training in Fort Lewis, Washington State. During his time away, Oscar Baker wrote often to Mr. L. Pearce Bowlus, the "Judge", who was editor of the Community Reporter.

Army Life Is O.K., Oscar Baker Writes From Fort Lewis

"Bake" Thrilled When He Is Permitted To Lead Larry Clinton's Orchestra; Digs Foxholes.

Oscar Baker, who has been in the army some weeks, writes in this interesting fashion from Fort Lewis, Washington:

Hi Judge: Well, here I am about 3,700 miles from home-but I don't mind as yet. They keep us too busy to get homesick. And when I say busy I mean busy, from 5 a. m. to 5 p. m. After our basic training we won't have to get up so early.

Today we started the manual of arms. We have had some but we started more in detail today. Yesterday we had so much time to dig one-man fox holes and crawl in them before tanks came rumbling across the hole. So if you were a little above the ground it was too bad. Next week we will have to crawl 100 yards on our stomach and machine guns with real bullets will be spraying 30 inches above the ground. So you see, that's no time to be curious and raise up. This is a very pretty country out here. Green grass – the trees are green. It never gets very cold. But it is the funniest weather I've ever seen. Yesterday it rained, hailed, the wind blew and the sun was shining all day. The weather is almost as changeable as the orders you get out here. Fort Lewis is about 17 miles from Takoma and 50 miles from Seattle. Most of us go to Seattle over the week end. There they have open house for the soldiers. Everybody almost worships soldiers there.

The entertainment here is wonderful. Last night Bing Crosby was here and I got a front row seat. But that's nothing-last Saturday night Larry Clinton's orchestra was here, and he wanted one enlisted man and one commissioned officer to lead. I got to lead the orchestra and I was thrilled. We have two dances a week with a good orchestra and all in all I think the army life is O.K. As ever, "Bake."

Is "Slinging Lead," Local Man Writes From Infantry Camp

Oscar Baker Training On Browning Automatic – Gets Up At 4:45 A.M. At Fort Lewis.

Oscar Baker writes this interesting letter from his training camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, on the other side of America. Bake, now in the "Infantry," will be remembered as the former master of Teen Smith's Bowling Alleys.

Hi, Judge!

I sort of seem out of place writing now but this is really the only chance I've had to write in the last week. You see all the fellows are sitting around cleaning their rifles while I'm writing this. The reason I'm doing this is because I thought maybe you would have a blank space in the Community Reporter, and you could fill it with this. That way I could, more or less, be answering a lot of letters.

Don't Have Union Hours.

First of all, we just came off the field at 8 p. m. We get up at 4:45 now, so you see we don't have exactly union hours. We have only had one week of this so far, and I thank goodness we have just one more week to go. Friday we finished up our record fire with the M-1. (The M-1 is the regulation Army rifle.) The rest of the company are firing on the transition range.

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Is "Slinging Lead," Local Man Writes From Infantry Camp (continued from page 4)

They also have combat firing which is at moving targets by squads, and not individually. We are beginning to learn what it is like to work as a team. The reason I said the rest of the company is this – four men out of each company, by reason of getting high scores with the M-1 have been taken out of a group separately to study and fire the B.A R. (Browning Automatic Rifle). This rifle is the basic weapon of the squad. It is very similar to a 30-caliber machine gun. The main difference is that it is magazine fed and air cooled, while the machine gun is belt fed and water cooled. The B.A.R. has a capacity fire power of 550 rounds per minute which is really slinging lead. Personally, I don't want it for it is the first weapon that the enemy tries to knock out. Also, it weighs 20 pounds. We fired it today for practice. It is really a nice firing weapon. It tends to walk forward instead of kick, like most shoulder weapons. Tomorrow we start firing for record, and the three highest out of the four will be appointed B.A.R. men. Well, so much for our course of study.

6 Men In Tent.

Here it is still very wet and cold at night. We sleep six men to a tent. We have no means of keeping warm except going to bed as soon as we get in. I pile all my bedding, plus my clothing on top of me at night, and I am still cold. In the morning when the bugle blows at 4:45, it seems colder than usual.

Speaking of the record fire with the M-1. Out of a possible 210, I managed to get 177, which is three below the standard for expert. I was really trying to get 180 because my sergeant and I had a little contest between ourselves. He got 181. Zeke (Watkins) also qualified with the rifle. He got 162, which is three below Sharpshooter. They range from 210 to 180, Expert; 180-165, Sharpshooter; 165 to 140, Marksman.

We have been here almost three months, and I still can't get this darn weather straight out here. Yesterday it was honestly hailing and raining and the sun was shining, but it was about 50 degrees. Now if you can figure that out, it's more than the 324th Infantry can do.

Likes Paper.

Well, judge, I don't know anything more to write now. Only just keep sending me the "Community Reporter," and we'll be satisfied. Zeke and I get together every night and read each other's mail. We especially got a kick out of Morley Harrison's letter.

Tell everyone "hello," and to write to a couple of soldiers. By the way, I still don't mind this kind of life, and I think now we've been through the worst of it, until we go across, if we go. The way it looks now, it won't be long before this is all over. I do know it won't be long getting over, if, and when, we do go across.

Well I think it's time for me to go to bed as it is now 11 p. m. So until the next time I'll say, so long, and good luck to all.

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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, 1973 issues of the Community Reporter. The newspaper was the main source of information for Mount Airy residents and surrounding areas from November 29, 1929 until the last issue on July 1, 1983.

- Building is going on in all directions in Mount Airy: The first 17 townhouses of Friendly Acres are to be completed by the end of May, plans call for 86 townhouses on this site. Plans call for 300 townhouses on the property adjacent to the Beck property adjacent to the local swim club. David Smith, builder for H. L. Rust Co. of Washington, D. C., owner of Merridale Gardens, expects to begin construction at the Mount Airy Shopping Center in the next 30 days. 4/6/73
- Awards for the winners in the Americanism Essay Contest were given to Dawn Colburn, daughter of Ivan and Jean Colburn, 1st place, Melanie Maring, 2nd place, and Martha Lea Woodfield, 3rd place. Dawn and Melanie are both in Mrs. Dorothy Lowman's 5th grade classroom at Mount Airy Elementary School. 4/13/73
- Career speaker, Travis Norwood, spoke to the career development classes about jobs in the Postal Services. Delivering the mail is a much bigger job than people realize. The Mount Airy Post Office services 2,222 rural mail boxes, and since December 1st has had 385,000 pieces of mail sent out and 500,000 sent in. 4/13/73
- The following basketball players of South Carroll High School have been named to the All-Metropolitan Teams for the Frederick and Carroll Counties: James Hurley, Jeff Schlooterbeck, Grafton Bruce and Don Kess. 4/13/73
- The Mayor and the Town Council met April 16th. The Mount Airy Board of Appeals approved the conditions set forth in the application by William Henley to build two bachelor apartments above his store on Cross Street. He is to provide five off street parking spaces and screen the area with trees and shrubs. 4/20/73
- Vocational Masonry students of South Carroll High School made walkways around the edge of the lawn. The job – taking 2 - 3 days – was finished by Robert Alexander, Nick Dorsey, Larry Mayne, Tom Biden, Greg Fussell, Larry Dustin, Mr. Kessler, Denton Pickett, Melvin Cook and James Pickett. 4/20/73
- Funeral services were held April 14th for Mr. Donald Watkins, husband of Mrs. Corrine Watkins. He was a retired farm economist and retired from the Montgomery School System in 1969. Surviving besides his wife is one brother, Ira D. Watkins, of Mount Airy. 4/20/73
- Letter to the Editor:

“My mother recently sent me a copy of the Community Reporter containing a history of Mount Airy. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grimes and I moved to Mount Airy in 1936, when I was five years old and I left Mount Airy in 1954 to become a member of the U.S. Army. Whenever I come back to visit or see a picture of Mount Airy as it was in the days of my growing up, I feel a bit of nostalgia and like to sit back, light up a cigar and reminisce a bit. Do you remember... when the gathering spot for the town's teenagers was “Brown's Corner” in Ridgeville?... when going to high school basketball games meant going to watch Joe McKenzie, Keeler Corritt, Robert Gosnell, Robert Dayhoff and Dan Healey display their athletic ability for three straight years much to the frustration of James Barnes, Leroy Hansberger, Robert Harris, Omar Bowers and Bobby Lowman. When G. O. “Twinkle Toes” Martin was principal and “Cap” Wiegler reigned supreme in show with the able assistance of his paddle. When going to school meant walking or riding a bicycle, or if you were Donald VanSant or Greta Henley, riding a Cushman motor scooter... and Msg Clyde E. Grimes continues... with his memories. 4/20/73

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Ki-Wives elected officers for the coming year: Grace Mason, president; Hazel Watkins, vice president; Jane Wagner, secretary; and Mary Jane Wilson, treasurer. Mrs. Mary Myers, who was in charge of the program after dinner at Baughers, took the group to the Carroll County Center for Exceptional Children. Mr. Frotton, principal, and Mrs. Mary Myers, vice principal, led the tour and explained the method of educating these children. These children who once faced a dim future in our society are now trained to their fullest potential and prepared for lives of “usefulness and production.” 4/20/73
- Mt. Airy Motors business has a new owner at 300 S. Main Street. Charles Eyler has been in business since 1944 and is known to practically every citizen of Mount Airy and expresses his appreciation to all his patrons. Fred Bouchert, who is taking over, will limit his efforts to foreign cars and repairs. 4/27/73
- This week’s specials at David H. Snell Nursery – 4-6” azaleas - 29¢, 12-15” - \$1.⁹⁹, annuals and vegetable plants - 79¢ a dozen. 4/27/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grimes announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Rae, to Harold Nelson Kessel of Cashtown, Pennsylvania. 4/27/73
- Funeral services are held for local druggist, highly esteemed in the community, Lyndon B. Myers (Doc Myers) who died on Easter Sunday, April 22nd at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was 62 and had operated Myers Drug Store for over 35 years. He was a member of St. Mary’s Lutheran Church of Silver Run, Maryland, the Pharmaceutical Assn., National Assn. of Retail Druggists and the American Pharmaceutical Assn. He was a member and past president of the Carroll County Association for Retarded Children. Surviving is his wife, Nancy Myers and six children, Mary Lynn, Lyndon (Sonny), Jane, Becky Sue, Sally and Polly 4/27/73
- Navy Ensign James M. Hines, husband of the former Brenda J. McPherson, made his first solo flight in a Navy aircraft at Pensacola, Florida. 5/4/73
- Miss Gloria Clower of Maurertown, VA, formerly of Mount Airy, was among 314 students in Virginia Tech’s College of Education who made dean’s list during the winter quarter. 5/4/73
- 4-H’ers compete in public speaking: The Mount Airy youth involved in the contest placed as follows: Robin Winkler, Red Ribbon, Junior Girls Division; Russell Ray, Reserve Champion, Intermediate Boys Division; and Nancy Brown, Blue Ribbon, Senior Girls Division. 5/4/73
- In the first hearing, the Mount Airy Planning and Zoning recommended approval for the Mt. Airy Development, Inc. requests for a change in zoning to put in several shops at the south side of MD 144. Carroll Robinson and Charles Preston were applicants for the zoning change from H5 (highway service) to B-2, commercial zoning. They want to put in a clothing outlet, dentist office, laundromat and hopefully a ladies apparel shop. 5/4/73
- Mrs. Anita Davis announces the engagement of her daughter, Carolyn Ann, to Charles Robert Etzler, Jr., son of Col. And Mrs. Charles Robert Etzler. Carolyn is a graduate of Mount Airy High School and has been teaching at Mount Airy Elementary School since her graduation from Towson State College in 1968. Mr. Etzler is a 1961 graduate of Notre Dame International School of Rome, Italy. He attended the Citadel in Charleston, S.C. and has completed six years in the Navy. He is presently employed by the C and P Telephone Co. of Maryland. 5/4/73
- The Mount Airy Little League season opener of May 19th begins with a parade from the Mount Airy parking lot to the ball diamond. Starting this year’s season will be the Fire Company team, managed by Howard Hopple, and the Blue Sox, managed by Dave Van Gosen. 5/18/73

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Dr. Henry P. Laughlin, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., was among the 37 faculty members honored for 25 years of service to the University. Dr. Laughlin resides at Seven Springs Farm, Rt. 3, Mount Airy. 5/18/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Hand, Sr. of Ventnor City, New Jersey, announced the engagement of their daughter, Penny, to Ronald L. Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Murray of Mount Airy. Miss Hand attended Temple University School of Nursing in Philadelphia, PA. Mr. Murray is a computer programmer with the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center in Panama, New Jersey. 5/18/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Grimes, Sr. of Taylorsville, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on April 29th. The party was given by their sons, Frank, Jr., Joseph and Denny at Winfield Fire Hall. 200 close friends and relatives enjoyed music by the Sportsman Four. Pictures were taken by Frank Grimes, Jr. and Bruce Walz. Mrs. Grimes is the former Teresa Nickoles. 5/18/73
- South Carroll prepares to graduate 309 students on June 8th. The President of Black and Decker Manufacturing Company will deliver the commencement address. Principal Chester G. Elder will give recognition to the 75 seniors designated as Honor Graduates 5/25/73
- The South Carroll Band placed 2nd in competition with 25 high school bands at the Winchester, VA. Apple Blossom Festival, May 5th. Senior Drum Major, Grafton Bruce, placed first over all boy drum majors in the parade. Pictured with the trophy won by the band were senior band members, Robert Ridgely and Jean Hershman, Head Majorette, Libby Tyner, Rifle Co., Captain Lee Leppo, and Drum Major, Grafton Bruce. 5/25/73
- Mrs. M. Laverne Bosley received a performance award by the Department of the Army and her supervisor, the Fort Detrick Post Adjutant, Captain Thomas C. Jones. Mrs. Bosley lives in Mount Airy with her husband, Thomas. 5/25/73
- Mount Airy 4-H girls met with 19 members present. Five girls participated in the area public speaking contest. They were Susan Knill, Lisa Robertson, Charlana Lang, Wendi Wagner and Robin Winkler. Robin was chosen to represent this area in the Carroll County Speaking Contest. 6/1/73
- Ray Day of Mount Airy caught a 63 lb., 47 inch long drum fish in the Delaware Bay. His son, Kenneth, recently caught a 52 lb. drum in the same area. 6/1/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gosnell announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Ann, to Robert H. Mercer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mercer III of Woodbine. Joyce is a graduate of South Carroll High School and a 1973 graduate of Frederick Community College. She is employed by the National Bureau of Standards. Mr. Mercer is a 1969 graduate of South Carroll High School and is attending Catonsville Community College. He is employed by P. M. Construction, Woodbine. 6/1/73
- The Spring Music Festival at Fireman's Park on June 3rd to benefit the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co. will feature six bands:
 - Allen Brown and the Wishing Well
 - Buddy Kay and Polly Shank and North Country
 - The Woodsmen – Bluegrass
 - The Knight Brothers Gospel Two
 - Bell Brand – Bluegrass
 - The Younger GenerationTickets: \$1.⁵⁰ in advance \$2.⁰⁰ at gate 6/1/73

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The major subject of discussion at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting May 29th was the plan for Mount Airy East (Beck) property. It is scheduled to have a density of seven units per acre using the cluster development program. Ralph Morgan of Morgan Keller, Inc. presented the phase one concept, which schedules 137 townhouses and 45 single family homes on a total area of 26 acres. 6/1/73
- A local resident was honored recently on her retirement – Mrs. Margaret V. Condon concludes 25 years with the C and P Telephone Co. of MD. 6/8/73
- Paul Culwell, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Culwell was awarded his degree in economics / business administration on May 27 from Chapman College, Orange, California. 6/8/73
- Mr. and Mrs. John Burrier, Middletown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan LaRue, to George Franklin Harne, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Harne, Sr. of Mount Airy. Susan will be attending Maryland Medical Secretarial School in Hagerstown after graduation from Middletown High School in 1973. George, a 1972 graduate of South Carroll High School is employed by Harne Plastering Co. 6/29/73
- Vacation Bible School was held at Calvary Church with 101 children registered. Mrs. Virginia Smith served as dean of the school. Mrs. Jane Mongold took care of office work, Anna Rae Fleming helped with music and Leona Molesworth served in many capacities. Jean King and Norman Showers were the church bus drivers. 6/29/73
- “An American is a guy who will spend half a day looking for pills to make him live longer – then drive 90 miles per hour to make up for the time he lost.” 6/29/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Albert Molesworth of Damascus announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Kay, son of Richard Alan Molesworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Molesworth, Jr. of Mount Airy. Kristin is a 1973 graduate of Damascus High School and is planning on working at the Atomic Energy Commission. Richard graduated in 1970 from South Carroll High School and is employed at Jones Motors. 6/29/73
- From the History of Mount Airy compiled by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Normandy – Mount Airy Doctors – The oldest known doctor was Dr. Todd whose home was in Ridgeville on the site of the Highs store. – About 1895, there were two doctors, Dr. Wm. Gaver in Mount Airy and Dr. John Bromwell in Ridgeville. At one time, Dr. Gaver’s office was in the hotel. Later he built the large house now owned by Charles Beckon the east side of N. Main St. Dr. Albert Nice, brother of Governor Nice of Md., came to Mount Airy for his health. He and his collie dog lived in a cabin near the site of the water tank until he was cured of tuberculosis, then he built a home and office in Ridgeville. Dr. Abe Cronk lived in the Ogle house on Park Avenue about 1918. Dr. Chaney had an office and home on the corner of Sunset and Main St. (the Cunningham house). Dr. C.P. Gowman was a local physician around 1922. Dr. Merton Pearre had an office in the hotel about 1928 – his wife managed the hotel. Dr. J. Stanley Grabill had an office and home on the former Routzahn property. Dr. Carl Van Poole came here in 1920 with an office above Carl Smith’s Print Shop. He moved to North Carolina in 1924 and returned here in 1930. Dr. Van Poole opened his office then above the Peoples Lumber Co. In 1932, he moved into Dr. Cronk’s home. From 1935 – 1936 his office was in his home at 204 Park Avenue. In 1956, his office moved to the Riddlemoser property downtown. Dr. Poole served as Mayor 1964-1967. He died April 30, 1967 6/29/73
- The Mount Airy American Legion baseball team will play three games at home June 30. Jul 1 and July 4. The members of the Legion Gold Star Post team are: Scout – Danny Crabbe, Batboys – Peter and Daniel Couk, Assistant Coaches – Dwight Mullinix and Bill Ellswick; James Myers, Steve Pope, Warren Dorsey, Glen Hane, Ray Herch, Brian Mason, Joe Little, Greg Dorsey, J. Paul Young, Gregg Mason, James Lare, Ervin Elswick, John Kestner, Dana Duvall, Robert Stratton, Dennis Hodgkins – Cach and Andrem Wason – Manager. The Legion Commander is Doug Henley.. 6/29/73



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