



MUSEUM MEMOS

Mt. Airy Museum Newsletter

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The President's Pen

Mike Eacho

The Mount Airy Museum has been open for visitors three days every week this summer. It has also been open at additional times for special town events and for private tours by groups like the residents of Lorien, Carroll County Public School teachers and the partner organizations of Celebrating America – Carroll County.

I would like to personally thank the many people who volunteered their time this summer to help us keep the museum open, answer questions for visitors and keep the museum clean. You all certainly make Mount Airy a special place to live and to visit.

I also want to thank our members who spent so much time researching and preparing material for our monthly presentations and tours over the past year. These presentations and tours have been interesting, informative and fun. Last, but not least, I would like to thank our volunteers who spend hundreds of hours every year keeping our records, cataloguing and preserving our artifacts and generally keeping the Historical Society alive.

We can always use more help doing research and hosting visitors. If you can spare sometime or if you have ideas for presentations and exhibits, please come into the museum and see us.

Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

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

Thank You for Your Support

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

- Mary & Robert Molesworth
- Shirley Norwood
- All the visitors to the Mount Airy Museum who have placed money into our donation box.

We would also like to thank the people who have so generously donated their time to keep our museum open and complete the vast number of projects that keep the Historical Society operating.

Welcome New Members

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

- Andrew Roberts
- J. T. Wills
- Mitch Shank
- Dr. Ronald Miller
- Don Moxley

We would also like to welcome our newest life member, Paul Stysly.

E-mail us at: mountairyhistoricalsociety@earthlink.net

JOIN THE MOUNT AIRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR
OUR NOVEMBER MEETING TURNED...



7TH, NOVEMBER 2023

2 tours, 6:15 pm and 7:45 pm

Available to Historical Society members only

Paper tickets cost \$10 and are only available for purchase at the
Mount Airy Museum and Blossom & Basket Boutique

Please plan to arrive at the Mount Airy Senior Center (703 Ridge Ave.)
15 mins early to stay on schedule!

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, instead of our usual monthly Historical Society meeting, we will be providing ghost tours via shuttle bus exclusively for Historical Society members, at a reduced members-only price of \$10/person. There will be two tours beginning at 6:15pm and 7:45pm. You can purchase tickets either at the museum or at Blossom and Basket Boutique beginning September 2nd. This members-only price will only be available for the November 7th tour. The \$10 per person fee is to help us cover the cost of the bus.

Our regular walking and bus tours will be taking place during the month of October. For information about our regular tours, refer to the tour information on page 3 of this newsletter or check the Ghost Tours page of our website for further information.

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of every month, September through May. The meetings are held in the lower level of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and begin at 7 pm. Presentations given at the meetings are informative, interesting and fun.

Please Join us!

Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the 2024 Mount Airy Hall of Fame are now being accepted.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor truly deserving people, living or deceased, of Mount Airy and the immediate surrounding areas, who by work, service, volunteerism, word or deed, made this community a better place for everyone. Also honored will be those who were born here and went on to bring honor and glory to the community by their efforts, deeds, or life's work outside of the area. By honoring these individuals, it is believed that their stories will inspire others to greater achievement and make everyone aware of the fabric that is woven into our home – Mount Airy, Maryland.

If you would like to nominate someone for this honor, please fill out the Hall of Fame nomination form that can be found on our website at www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org.

Nomination forms for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame may also be found at the Mount Airy Town Hall or at the Mount Airy Museum.

Candidates should be considered from the following fields: business, community-civic service, education, historical, humanitarian, political, religious, sports-recreational, or a general category. Please send all nomination forms to HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE P.O. Box 244, Mount Airy, MD 21771.

Remember: no one gets selected who has not been nominated! So if you want a person to be selected to the Hall of Fame, submit a nomination form. Don't expect someone else to do it.

Wanted

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

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland is also looking for referenced, researched, verifiable documentaries, presentations, reports, etc. on the history of Mount Airy or aspects of that history. Please submit to us for consideration as exhibits, presentations at our meetings, or articles for the newsletter.

Ghost Tours are back!

Ghost tours are coming in October 2023, just in time for Halloween. We've added some new and exciting ghost stories this year! Tickets for the Walking ghost tours will be a reasonable \$18/person. Tickets are now on sale through this Event Brite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/murder-mayhem-mystery-ghost-tours-tickets-696636266827>.

On these guided walking tours, you will learn about Mount Airy's mysterious, tragic and spooky past, and hear some stories coming from beyond the grave.

The ghost tours start with check-in at the front of the Mount Airy Museum, located at 1 N. Main Street, continues around the railyard, up and down Main Street, and return to the Mount Airy Train Station and Museum. The walk is 0.91 miles (approximately 1870 steps). The walk is moderately strenuous, and NOT wheelchair accessible. It is also NOT recommended for small children. The walk is up and down hilly streets, over curbs and some gravel, and around obstacles in the sidewalk. The tours will take approximately 1 1/2 hours to complete.

Learn about Mount Airy's mysterious, tragic, and spooky past through a guided tour of our historic Main Street, and listen to some true stories that come from... **Beyond the Grave**

Moderately strenuous walk, NOT wheelchair accessible - up and down hilly streets, over curbs and some gravel, around obstacles in the sidewalk. NOT recommended for small children.

THE 2023 MOUNT AIRY, MARYLAND
"MURDER MAYHEM AND MYSTERY"

GHOST TOURS

AVAILABLE TOUR DATES IN OCTOBER


SEE WEBSITE FOR TICKET PURCHASE AND DETAILS:
WWW.HISTORICALSOCIETYOFMOUNTAIRYMD.ORG

For those who have difficulty walking, or would much rather ride this route, we will also have four shuttle bus tours, to pick up at the Mt. Airy Senior Center. Bus tours will be held on October 13 and 14, 2023. There will be 2 tours per night, at 6:15 pm and 7:45 pm. Tickets will be \$20/person, and are now on sale through this Event Brite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bus-ghost-tour-2023-for-murder-mayhem-and-mystery-tickets-697830097607>.

MURDER MAYHEM AND MYSTERY

Bus Ghost Tour



OCTOBER 13TH & 14TH
6:15 PM & 7:45 PM EACH NIGHT

\$20 PER PERSON | TICKETS ON SALE SEPT. 1ST!
PURCHASE ON EVENTBRITE.COM

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE MOUNT AIRY SENIOR CENTER (703 RIDGE AVE.)
15 MINS EARLY TO STAY ON SCHEDULE!

Proceeds from these tours are going towards new artifacts and exhibits for the Mt. Airy Museum, with a portion going towards the Flat Iron Building Preservation and Restoration Fund. So come on out for some spooky fun and support a worthy cause. Walking Tour dates and times are listed on our web page.

MEATS - MEATS - MEATS

Fresh Pork & Beef

COUNTRY CURED BACON	\$1.50 lb.
OUR OWN SAUSAGE	1.30 lb.
SIRLOIN STEAK	1.79 lb.
GROUND BEEF PATTIES	1.38 lb.
HOME STYLE BOLOGNA	1.35 lb.
ESSKAY BOLOGNA	1.29 lb.
SPARE RIBS	1.45 lb.

WHOLE SUN ORANGE JUICE

Mt. Airy Locker Co.

829-0500
253-4617

Advertisement from the Community Reporter of
Friday, September 2, 1973

Visit our website at:
www.historicalocietyofmountairy.org for the
latest Historical Society news and events

What's New at the Museum

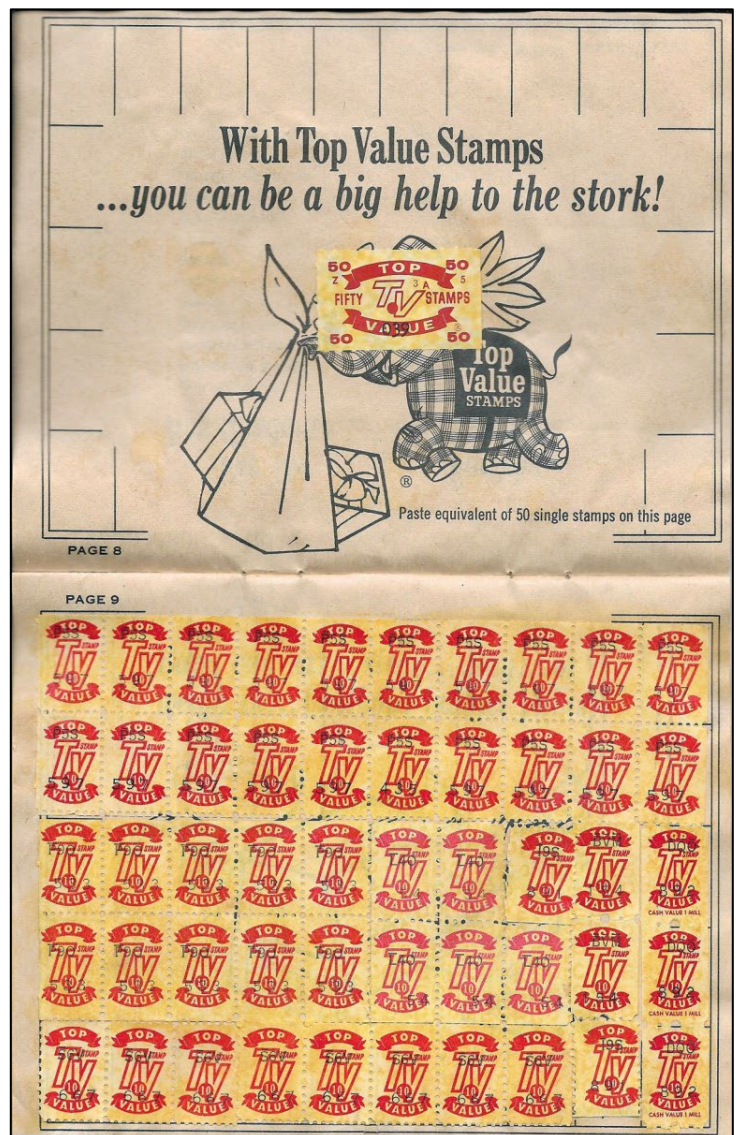
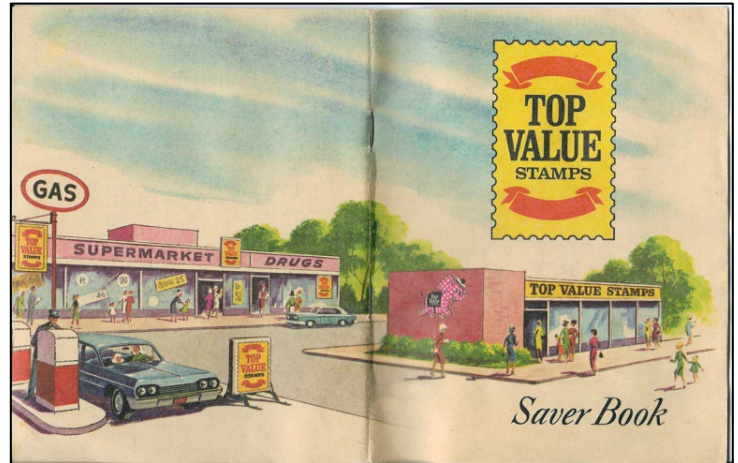
For those who have not visited the museum lately or seen our website, we have a new exhibit. Every month we are featuring one of the many artifacts found in the Historical Society's collection.

In June, we featured Lions Club necktie worn by Jack Steele. Jack was a long-time member of the Lions Club. The tie is gold colored and has the Lions Club emblem printed on it in purple.



June - Lion's Club Tie

In July, we featured a Top Value Trading Stamp Book. For those of you too young to know, trading stamps are small paper stamps, which were given to customers by merchants in loyalty programs that predate the modern loyalty card. Like the similarly-issued retail store coupons, these stamps only had a minimal cash value of a few mils (thousandths of a dollar) individually, but when a customer accumulated a number of them, they could be exchanged at the trading stamp company's nearest redemption center for premiums, such as toys, personal items, housewares, furniture and appliances. Top Value Stamps were issued in single, ten and fifty stamp values. Singles and a fifty are shown here. They were pasted in books like this one with fifty stamps to a page. Each book had 30 pages for stamps for a total of 1500 stamps per book. Another big trading stamp company was S&H Green Stamps.



July - Top Value Trading Stamp Book

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What's New at the Museum (continued)

In August, the artifact of the month was tin soldiers and Indians. These toy soldiers (“doughboys”) and Indians were cast from an alloy of tin and lead. They were manufactured by Barclay Products Company of Manorville, New York. These were very popular with children and predated the plastic soldiers of today.



August - Tin Soldiers and Indians

Come to the museum or visit our website at <https://www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org/> to see the “Artifact of the Month” for September.

Editor's Note: The following want ad appeared in the Mount Airy Community Reporter numerous times throughout the summer of 1973.

HELP WANTED
Mt. Airy Pants Factory
SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR
Experienced or Inexperienced

Must apply in person
207 Center Street
Phone No. 829-9870

Advertisement from the Community Reporter of
Friday, September 2, 1973

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 2023 Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. We hope all our members will please support the following businesses, which contribute so much to our great community.

Mount Airy Hall of Fame Supporters

- 4 County Lions
- 17 Paradise Bed and Breakfast
- ACNB Bank
- 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. – Frank Dertzbaugh
- Electrical Solutions – Michael Dixon
- 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
- MacKenzie A. Kantruss, Attorney at Law
- Mount Airy Ace Hardware
- Mount Airy Lanes
- Mount Airy Lions Club
- Mount Airy Main Street Association (MAMSA)
- Paul Clay, Real Estate Consulting RE/MAX Realty Plus
- Raymond Miller – RE/MAX Realty Plus
- Rotary Club of Mount Airy
- SK Printing
- Steve Jackson Real Estate Teams, LLC
- 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.

Note: The following article, including the Editor's Note, is from an article that appeared in the Mount Airy Community Reporter of Friday, July 6, 1973.

History of Mount Airy compiled by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Normandy

Editor's Note – The following material is mainly reprints of old newspaper articles, reminiscences, etc., unorganized and “undigested.” It's not so much history as the "raw materials" from which an interesting history might be prepared at some future date.

History of Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co.

On April 6, Mr. Charles, Parker Glover, was accredited with founding the first fire protection unit in Mt. Airy, but upon his death the project was temporarily dropped. Several years later, a huge fire on the north side of town, destroyed large section of the business district, thus inciting several citizens to action.

In late 1926, letters were sent out calling for a meeting to be held in the Old Commercial Bank building, for the purpose of rejuvenating the efforts, that five years previous had failed to organize a fire company for the protection of Mt. Airy and surrounding territory.

Mr. Asa H. Watkins was general chairman of the meeting and was duly elected to serve as first president. The other officers were: C.C. Riddlemoser, Vice President, Harry Zepp, Secretary, and Henry G. Hood, Treasurer. The organization was named "The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, Incorporated."

The first hurdle, that of an organization, had been cleared but numerous other problems were yet to be confronted, namely the ever important item of money, fire fighting equipment and a building to house the equipment.

The money, for the start, was solicited from the citizens and a street fair, which later was to be enlarged to an annual carnival, realized \$633.33.

On October 7, 1926, a bid was accepted to purchase an American Le-France pumper for the price of \$8,325.00, and until this year served its purpose faithfully to help control man's most destructive enemy.

This same year, the company joined the County Association as well as the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

In 1927 an old garage on Main Street was purchased for \$3,500.00 and renovated to house the new fire engine and provide a meeting room. It is still part of the present building.

In 1932 the County Convention was entertained by our company.

Finding that inadequate fire protection existed, due to the vast distance to summon help on large fires, another piece of apparatus was bought in 1933. This addition was a Mack 500 GPM Pumper.

In 1937 the Company Convention was again held in Mt. Airy.

In January 1938, Mr. Asa H. Watkins completed twelve years as president and expressed his desire to retire and was succeeded by Mr. Hubert P. Burdette.

In 1939, an International front-mounted pumper was added to the line of fire-fighting apparatus already established. At this same time, an addition to the existing building was necessary to take care of the equipment on hand.

In 1941 this realization came into being on completion of the new section, on the north side of the initial building. A dedication program was presented, which included a banquet and a number of prominent speakers.

During the war years, under the direction of Mr. Lindsay L. Browning, who had succeeded Mr. Burdette as president, the company participated in the Federal Civilian Defense Program and turned the completed facilities of the company over to the local defense agency.

In 1946 the County Convention was entertained by the company.

In 1947 a fourth piece of equipment, a Mack 750 GPM pumper, was added and dedicated to those members of the company who had paid the supreme sacrifice while serving their country in World War II.

In 1951 Mr. Paul E. Beall was elected to the Presidency.

In 1952, in order to further our service to the community, the company added ambulance service and formed a rescue squad.

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History of Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co.

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In 1952 Mr. C. Oscar Baker was elected president of the company and served until 1956.

In 1953 another milestone was passed with the purchase of a two-way radio communication [system] from the Motorola Radio Corporation which is connected to the Carroll County radio frequency and the Fire Board at Washington Grove, in Upper Montgomery County. The same year a 45 acre farm on Twin Arch Road was acquired to be converted into a carnival ground and community park.

After having served 27 continuous years as Fire Chief, Mr. Herman S. Beck retired and a party was held in his honor, at which time the active members presented him with a gold pocket watch.

In 1955 the company purchased a New Mack fire engine to replace our two old fire engines.

In 1955 the Carroll County Convention convened in Mt. Airy for its yearly session with Carl W. Smith of the local company serving as President.

In 1956, Robert C. Riddlemoser, son of one of the founders of the Mt. Airy Company, was elected to the office of President.

Travis C. Norwood was elected President in 1957 and served in that capacity for the following two years. The same year a committee recommended the purchase of a new 1958 Cadillac ambulance to replace the first ambulance that had been in service for the past 5 years. In the spring of 1958 the Mt. Airy Company won the County Hook-up Contest that had been revived after many years.

R. Delaine Hobbs was elected President in 1959. Culmination of several years of talk and planning reached an end when the Company voted to build a building at the Firemen's Park to be used for social activities and serve as a place for other community groups to use for their respective affairs. The same year the new 1959 Dodge fire and rescue truck was purchased to be added to the present fire and rescue service already rendered by the company.



Our Newest Photograph

The photograph below is one of our newest additions to the collection. Although not clear, it shows the aftermath of the Mount Airy Fire of 1914. The photo was taken from the vicinity of the railroad tracks looking north. In the foreground are the ruins of Farmers Milling and Grain Company, Watkins and Banks General Store, A.H. Runkles & Co., Hardware Store, Clarence L. Skeggs' General Store and the First National Bank. In the background are the homes along Prospect and north Main Streets.



The Aftermath of the Fire of 1914

Think we will ever see crab prices this low again? Do you know where this restaurant was located along MD 355? Did you ever eat there?



**HOT STEAMED
CRABS**
Dozen or Bushel
**LIVE CRABS &
SOFT SHELLS**

SUNDAY -
All the Crabs and Maryland Corn
you can eat ... \$4.00 per person
BEGINNING AT 4 P. M.

SLEEPY HOLLOW INN
663-9656 663-9898 Rt. 355 South

Advertisement from the Community Reporter of
Friday, September 3, 1973

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on September 21, 1973. It has very interesting information about the Smith Building that is located next door to the former Myers Drug Store, the Country Store Museum today.

Smith Conveys Business Property In Downtown Area

Mary L. Myers Acquires Premises Adjoining Her Drug Store Building

Carroll County Land Records recently disclosed the transfer of one of Mt. Airy's downtown business properties with an interesting background.

For a consideration not revealed, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Smith conveyed the premises along the west side of South Main Street, in which they had recently conducted a job printing business under the style and firm name, Mt. Airy Printing Company, to Mary L. Myers, widow of the late Dr. Lyndon B. Myers. The building is contiguous to and adjoins the drug store property owned by the Myerses, which the deceased pharmacist had acquired in 1938 from the widow of Charles Routzahn. Dr. Routzahn and Walter R. Rudy, both druggists, were in the partnership of Rudy and Rouzahn Drug Store beginning in 1905. Mrs. Myers plans to continue the job printing business in much the same manner her predecessor had carried on, aided and abetted by Leonard Hoade, who is now enjoying excellent health after a recent operation he underwent at Frederick Memorial Hospital. An archway will be built joining the drug store to the print shop and a card and gift gallery will be added to the print shop side.

The Smiths acquired the realty, improved with a large frame building, in 1940 from Mary Lowe Smith, widow of the late D. Edgar Smith. Smith and his partner, William E. Wagner, had been operating a grocery and retail meat business for several years prior thereto. When they launched their venture on the site after the death of D. Edgar Smith in 1935, they conducted a quick lunch and restaurant in the southerly side of the building. Smith's deteriorating health and his inability to wrestle huge sides of beef, necessitated cessation of the grocery business with its long hours and attendant frustrations and soon thereafter Smith launched forth into what he thought was the less demanding job, the printing business, which he continued with much success until he recently sold all of his interest and good will in that operation, together with the realty.

Wilkins Pressed Pants

The chain of title to the land improved with the Smith building reveals that ownership thereto was acquired by D. Edgar Smith and Mary L. Smith in 1919 from John W. Condon. The southernmost part of the building was leased to the late Isadore Wilkins who launched his clothing venture in Mount Airy there in the 1920's. Indeed, the dudes of that era often dropped into Izzie's store, dropped their trousers and waited while the proprietor slipped into the basement and returned in a matter of minutes with the garment neatly pressed – all for a quarter. Izzie's merchandising finesse and genial personality attracted far more patronage than his sparse quarters could accommodate and he soon sought enlarged facilities in the brick building erected by the late Thomas E. Watkins and his partners, the Peoples Lumber & Supply Company.

During the period D. Edgar Smith owned the premises, he conducted thereon a successful grocery and general merchandise business. A man of genial and affable personality, he never wanted for customers and his store offered a comfortable retreat for the less ambitious during the long afternoon and evening hours, sans radio and television in that forgotten era.

Bowling Alley In Basement

In the basement, Edgar Smith and his predecessor, Mr. Condon operated a bowling alley. Upstairs the late Dr. William D. Hopkins conducted his dental parlors from the turn of the century until his demise. A small room on the second floor housed the editorial offices of the Community Reporter when this weekly was given birth late in 1929. The present building, according to Truman Lowman, was erected soon after the disastrous fire of 1903-04 which leveled all the improvements on the west side of Main Street from Butler's Garage to the B&O Railroad tracks. An immense structure, it contained four stories in the rear when built by Charles E. Simpson who had conveyed the premises to John W. Condon late in August of 1908. Mr. Lowman said he contracted to tear down part of the rear of the huge building and lost money on the venture when the salvageable materials fetched less than he had hoped. At one time, according to one source of information, a saloon was conducted in the large building and it was a center for considerable commercial activity.

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the July, August, and September, 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.

- A Legion Baseball Double-Header will be played July 7 at the Legion Baseball Field on Prospect Road. Andrew Mason said when you are working and coaching young people, you are working with the finest material on earth – the youth of America. Special commendation was given to Dwight Mullinix and Doug Henley for giving time, assistance and effort to the coaching duties and to Pete Moxley and Charles Norwood for handling refreshment and financial chores of the games. 7/6/73
 - Much interest has been evidenced to the proposed growth of Mount Airy at the Monday night meeting of the Town Council – more than 20 persons attended. There was a time when only the Council and 1 or 2 interested reporters from out of town attended. A great deal has been in print about heated discussion between the Mayor and Fred Stephens, a Mount Airy property holder. The Council has asked Mr. Stephens to refrain from attending any more Council meetings until he makes a public apology to the Mayor. 7/6/73
 - Mr. and Mrs. James Gaynor are the proud parents of their first child, Melanie Ann, born June 15th. Mrs Gaynor is the former Mary Ann Hood. 7/13/73
 - The Mt. Airy Lions Club installed new officers for 1973-1974. The new president, George H. Lang received the gavel from Past District Governor Murray Ryan, a member of the Mt. Airy Lions Club, at the Francis Scott Key Hotel in Frederick on July 7th. The past president, Rev. Loyal Vanderveer presented Ralph Buckman with a Lion 25 year Award. Lion Buckman is an employee of Routzahns of Frederick. Lion Eric Henderson was also presented with an award for his successful accomplishment in carrying out the Mt. Airy Lions Club Safety Program. 7/13/73
- A new “secret device” is being readied by the Maryland State Police for use in Carroll County. It is a speed timing unit called “Vascar”. Troopers can determine the average speed of almost any vehicle they can see with this unit to within 1/10 of a mile per hour. 7/20/73
- Crowning of the new Miss Mount Airy Fire Prevention Queen took place July 21 at the carnival. Miss Elaine Franklin of Plainview Avenue was chosen Queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Franklin. Runner-Up positions went to Miss Shane Henley and Miss Roberta Dodson. 7/27/73
 - Ad – Immediate vacancy in Maryland Institutions for one Correctional Officer. (Male Applicants only.) \$8,200 flat rate / year. 7/27/73
 - Ad – Preview Opening – Friendly Acres – A townhouse community in the Maryland countryside – Carroll County. Friendly Acres blends the comfort of the colonial in historical Mount Airy, Maryland. Price - \$35,000.00 95% financing available. 7/27/73
 - Steve Pope, son of Mrs. Virginia Pope, has signed a contract with the Baltimore Orioles. This was the realization of a dream he has had since he was two years old – being a professional baseball player. He has played baseball in Little League, Pony League, in High School at South Carroll and at Frederick Community College where he has played for the last two years. 8/3/73
 - Second Lieutenant, Ronald E. Kaetzel, a 1973 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the State University in Blacksburg, Virginia received his Army Reserve Commission. As an ROTC cadet, Lt. Kaetzel was trained in various subjects which provided him with the skills necessary to command. 8/3/73
 - On July 22nd, William C. Duvall became the newly appointed Fire Chief of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. There are 22 firefighters in the fire department. Duvall is also a chief officer of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, a position he has held for 13 years. 8/24/73

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Maryland Law and Regulations of the State Department of Health requires that all children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade be immunized against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), rubella, measles and polio in order to attend school. 8/24/73
 - At a meeting of the Town Council, Leonard Sherman, Councilman, stated that the Town of Mount Airy has signed a contract with Potomac Edison to install lights on the town parking lot. This was a result of complaints of teenagers loitering on the parking lot. Much of the discussion centered around police protection in Mount Airy. 8/24/73
 - Ruth Ann Browning wins coveted position in national high school honor volume of "Who's Who". Less than 2% of the junior and senior class students nationwide are awarded this recognition. Ruth Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Browning. She was active in the South Carroll Marching Band and Symphonic Band, All-County Band, Orpheus Choir and the National Honor Society. She was also active in the Browningsville Coronet Band. She won Academic, Band, and Chorus letters. 8/24/73
 - The Mount Airy Firemen will play a double-header softball game at the Mount Airy Little League Park. The regular outfield consists of Richard Molesworth, Tony Esworthy and Wayne Logue. The infield has such players as Dale Lowman, Jeff King, Jimmy Linton and Terry Baker with Pat Holmes pitching. Then, there are Crow Wagner, Alfred and Roland Schmidt, Bobby Lowman and Doug Alexander, who stayed with the team as the "Jack of all trades" in the field. 8/24/73
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holt announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Cadet Ralph Dennis Holweck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holweck of Mount Airy. Cadet Holweck is presently attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and will graduate June 5, 1974 8/31/73
- Richard R. Gardner, Jr. successfully completed the course in Auctioneering and Auction Sale Management at the Missouri Auction School. He received his diploma and the honorary title of Colonel. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gardner, he is the owner and auctioneer of American Auction House in Frederick. 8/31/73
 - Pupils will pay 45¢ for school lunches in Carroll County. Adult lunch is 75¢. If food prices continue to escalate, prices will increase for lunch. The cost of milk will be 10¢ and kindergarten snacks will be \$2.⁰⁰ a month. 9/7/73
 - Clifton Beck of 5 Beck Drive is among 600 men and women who have enrolled in the freshman class at Gettysburg College. 9/7/73
 - This week's Snells values: 32 varieties of garden mums 98¢ each, 10 or more 89¢ each. Bag your own mulch – \$1.⁰⁰. Hardy evergreens – 20 for \$1.46 each. David H. Snell Nursery. 9/7/73
 - Beta Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently honored Mrs. Darlene Dorsey as Girl of the Year. This award is presented to the member who exemplifies the ideal sorority member. Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hawkins and is a graduate of South Carroll High School. Her husband, James Dorsey, is a builder and they have three children, Jim, Greg and Christina. 9/14/73
 - The following local residents recently applied for marriage licenses – Christopher Grigsby of Mount Airy and Vicky Lynn Kibler of Sykesville; David Daniel Brown, Jr. of Mount Airy and Mary Louise Cline of Frederick. 9/14/73
 - The hottest topic of the day in Mount Airy is Mount Airy's Middle School. No one wants to lose the Middle School as they did the high school. Dr. Harold Pevdy said the Middle School is scheduled to be closed and turned into another elementary school. The five year plan calls for those students to be shifted to Berrett Middle School 11 miles away on Rt. 26 one mile east of Winfield. Dr. Pevey suggested the Board consider a study with Frederick County school officials concerning the educational needs in Mount Airy. 9/28/73

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Mt. Airy Lions Club International entertained its Little League team recently. The program consisted of showing the 1972 World Series film. Each boy received an official World Series baseball and was accompanied by their coach, Stanley Lare, and assistant coach, Bobby Franklin.. 9/28/73
- Sergeant Wayne L. Mundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mundy, has reenlisted in the Air Force after being selected for career status. He is a member of the Air Force Communications Service. Sgt. Mundy is a 1968 graduate of South Carroll High School. His wife is the former Shirley J. Seiferet.. 9/28/73
- Rehearsals are in full swing for the Mt. Airy Players production of the Mousetrap by Agatha Christie to be presented in October. Carolyn Etzler and Harry Arnold play Molly and Giles Ralston, the innkeepers. William Moore, Jr. appears as Detective Sergeant Trotter. Others in the cast are David Bolls, Marthe Manhollen. Ray Simpson, Leslie Simpson and Jack Steele The director of the play is Helen Simpson.
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