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The President's Pen

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Please support all the businesses and organizations that advertised in the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland's 2025 Hall of Fame program. Many of these advertisers have been supporters since the first Hall of Fame induction ceremony in March of 2000. The funds raised by the advertisements in this program help the Historical Society to defray the costs of the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony and provide a major source of income needed to sustain the Historical Society and the Mount Airy Museum throughout the year.

These businesses and organizations help to make Mount Airy the truly wonderful community that it is. The people who run these businesses are our neighbors and they rely on our patronage to survive.

Many thanks also to the volunteers who put his event together. It takes a tremendous amount of work planning, soliciting advertisers, selecting the honorees, preparing flower arrangements, setting up tables and table settings, preparing the program and taking and delivering photographs. This annual event would not be possible without all these efforts provided by volunteers.

Mark Your Calendars

- Our next meeting of the Historical Society is Tuesday, May 6.
- History 101 – October 6-9, 2025. Monday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. Pine Grove Chapel; Tuesday, Oct. 7, Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co.. 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., Mount Airy Library; and Thursday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., Mount Airy Library. Speakers and topics to be announced
- America's 250 contest is back! - Submissions are now being accepted for the America's 250 Field Trip Contest for students in grades 3-12. See the link on our website for more information.

These and other events are listed on our website at:
<https://www.historicalsocietyofmountairymd.org/copy-of-calendar-of-events-5>

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.

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Welcome New Members

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

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| • Arden Cooper | • Jim & Beth Jacobs |
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We would also like to welcome new Life Members,

- Pete & Carol Bowlus
- Jenny Bowlus
- Dr. Dawn F. Thomas

The Historical Society now has 142 members.

Visit the Mount Airy Museum.

The Museum is open
Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon until 4 p.m.
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2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Historical Society of Mount Airy has inducted its newest members into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame for 2025. These inductees are Mary Jo Burkett, Adele Connolly, Matthew Heard, John O. "Jack" Steel, and Frances E. "Fran" Wimmer. This group of inductees expands the overall membership to 140.

All of those nominated for this honor were truly special, but only five could be selected this year. They all contributed to the Mount Airy community in a positive way. The accomplishments of the nominees are described in the following columns.

Mary Jo Burkett

1949 -

Dental Hygienist / Volunteer



Mary Jo grew up in a blue collar environment in rural Westernport, MD. She was the youngest of five girls in a family, all of whom knew the value of hard work and of each doing their share. This work ethic carried over into all phases of her future. She attended parochial school for 10 years

before transferring to Bruce High School where she graduated in 1967. She also worked part time as a dental assistant during her high school years, sparking her interest in the profession.

After attending Frostburg University for a period of time, she learned of a new dental Hygiene program to be started at Allegany College in Cumberland, Md. She applied, was accepted, and thus was a member of the program's inaugural graduating class in 1972. She then worked in the profession until retiring in 1995 to raise her two children.

Mary Jo believes that true happiness in life, in addition to her faith, is strongly supported and stimulated by significant social involvement in her community and its people. She moved here in 1978 and right away acted on this belief. Over 40+ years she has spoken to town council, zoning boards, health departments, board of county commissioners and others advocating issues of over development, zoning encroachments, property rights, and health.

In 1984 she took on chairmanship of a twice-annual Red Cross blood drive for Mt. Airy, which assured our citizens guaranteed supply of blood when needed. She

received numerous accolades and awards from the American Red Cross for outstanding recruitment of donors, with record numbers turning out for the drives. She sustained this event for 24 years.

Early on, she was a member of the Mt. Airy Homemakers and the Jaycee-ettes. In 2017 she became a member of the Rotary Club, chaired membership, and then shortly thereafter, became president and watched the club flourish and grow during her term. She then became Assistant Area Governor for the Rotary district for 3 years. With the club she is currently working on international grants for "Wheelchairs for Ghana" and a literacy project in Purulia, India, a district grant for Disaster Aid USA for hurricane victims in Tennessee and North Carolina, and numerous local projects.

Mary Jo is married to her husband Paul, a retired Mt. Airy dentist, and will celebrate 50 years of marriage this September. They raised two children, Allison and Ryan. Sadly, Allison passed away at age 26 but Allison's daughter, Emma, is a junior at Boonsboro high school. Ryan is self-employed and a firearms instructor and is married to Detective Naomi Pontecorvo and lives in Frederick.

Some of Mary Jo's close friends have said that she easily converses with everyone she meets and "nobody is a stranger". She is always ready to make a meal, lend a hand, be a good listener, and "be there" for people in need. She says that Mt. Airy folks are family and that we live in the greatest "little" big town in the USA.

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Adele Connolly

1956 -

Community Volunteer



Adele Connolly and her late husband, John, moved to the Frederick County side of Mount Airy in 1984. They subsequently raised their two children Heather and Patrick here. Adele worked for almost 40 years for the State of Maryland

Division of Rehabilitation

Services in a variety of professional and managerial positions until she retired in 2018. While working full time and as her children became involved in a variety of activities, she volunteered with the PTA at Twin Ridge Elementary and was a Cub Scout den leader. When she retired, she was determined to not be idle, so she began to research volunteer opportunities with the town. Since her retirement, she has been active with the Historical Society. She works as a docent at the museum, manages the website, serves as secretary for the Flat Iron Building Restoration Task Force and volunteers on various other historical society events, including bus ghost tours, haunted caboose, bingo, and most recently, providing presentations regarding Mount Airy history to the community. She is also the historical society's liaison to Celebrating America and has served with them as a History Day judge for several years.

In addition to her activities with the Historical Society, Adele volunteers at the Mount Airy Senior Center twice a week, and currently serves as President of the Senior Center Site Council, which assists in providing for goods and services that might not otherwise get provided, such as scholarships for exercise classes for those members who cannot afford the fees. She served on Mount Airy Senior Task Support (MASTS) for about 2 years, until that Task Force became the Mount Airy Commission on Aging and Livability in March of 2024. She serves as Chairperson of the Commission and works to assure that Mount Airy's aging population is recognized as a vital part of our community and are able to get the services they need to age in place as long as possible. In that capacity, she has advocated with both

Carroll and Frederick Counties to facilitate cross-county collaboration on a variety of services. She has also advocated with the Senior Center to add some new programs, and has successfully added a Senior Center Book Club as well as a Coffee and Conversation program to expand participation for those seniors who may only want to come to the Center to socialize. The Commission's work is just beginning, and she is committed to remaining a vital part of their important work.

In her "spare" time, she also sings with the Clustered Spires Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a barbershop chorus in Frederick. She serves on the chorus' management team and has just taken on the role of Membership Chair with them to facilitate membership recruitment and retention.

Matthew Heard

1975 -

Community Volunteer



Matthew Heard was born in Washington, D.C. His family moved to Mount Airy in 1976. He attended Mount Airy Elementary and Middle School and graduated from South Carroll High School in 1993. He began his career with the United States Post Office in 1995, where he held various positions before returning in

2021 as the Supervisor of Delivery at the Mount Airy Post Office.

Matthew has been an active and dedicated member of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company for over 30 years. He is a life member and has held multiple leadership positions, including Vice President and President from 2006 to 2008. Currently, he serves as Vice President and co-chairs several community events, including the Fire Company Carnival, Mount Airy Duck Race with the Mt. Airy Rotary, and the Heroes Ride with the Maryland Patriot Guard.

In addition to his work with the fire company, Matthew is a life member of the CW4 Bill Ruth Post Auxiliary 10076 in Mount Airy, where he serves as the Guard and assists with fundraising events. He's a

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Margie Davis

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member of the Sons of American Gold Star Post 191, where he helps support the post by calling bingo once a month for the group.

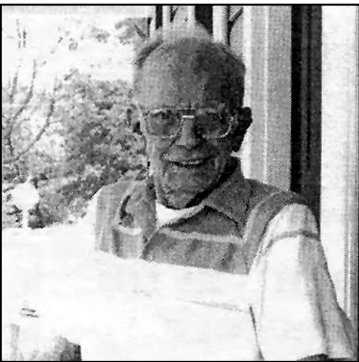
Since 2019, Matthew has been actively involved with Pine Grove Cemetery, becoming Chairman of the Board in 2020. In this role, he supports families during times of loss and participates in local events such as the 9/11 Memorial, Wreaths Across America, and the Memorial Day program.

When he's not volunteering, Matthew enjoys hunting, playing golf, and spending quality time with his family and friends.

John O. "Jack" Steel

1911 - 1999

Postmaster / Community Volunteer



Mr. John Ogden "Jack" Steel, 87, of Wildwood Avenue, Mount Airy, died Thursday, March 4, 1999 at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born April 29, 1911, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Lloyd and Bertha Rebecca Ogden Steel.

Mr. Steel was a 40-year member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Mount Airy, where he was a chair member.

He began work in 1938, as a clerk in the Mount Airy Post Office, until he entered active duty with the U.S. Army in January 1943. He served with the 15th Postal Regulating Section during World War II, and returned to work at the Mount Airy Post Office in February 1946. In 1951, he was appointed postmaster of the Mount Airy Post Office where he retired in 1968.

Prior to employment with the post office, Mr. Steel was employed by the local Mount Airy newspaper, Community Reporter, after graduating from Mount Airy High School in 1929. He was a charter member of the Mount Airy Lions Club since 1940, where he held various offices. He was also a charter member of Gold Star Post 191 of the American Legion in Mount

Airy and a charter member and first president of the Mount Airy Player Theatrical Group.

Mr. Steel was an accomplished musician, vocalist and artist. He enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and abroad. He was also an avid reader.

Surviving are one brother, Richard M. Steel of Santa Rosa, California, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Steel was preceded in death by two brothers, Samuel R. Steel in 1988, and Lloyd F. Steel in 1996; and three sisters, Margaret S. Decker in 1976, Katherine Waters in 1998, and Mary Davis in 1997.

Frances E. "Fran" Wimmer

1945 -

Community Volunteer



Fran was born and raised in Frederick County with two brothers and three sisters on a farm in Unionville, Md. She graduated from Linganore High School in 1964. Fran was married to James Wimmer in 1965. They will be married for 60 years this year. James built their house on the family property in 1970. They have lived at that same location for 55 years.

They have two daughters, Diane and Betsy, and they are blessed to have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Fran's greatest pleasure in life is seeing the world through the eyes of her grandchildren.

Fran worked for Frederick County Public Schools Food Service Department for 30 years, retiring in 2016. She helped set up an accountability system for the food service department in all 63 schools. She is certified in Culinary and Food Safety Training. She also set up Food Safety Training for the US Department of Agriculture. Through her working career Fran was very active in the school community.

Fran worked with Linganore Grange FFA and school camps for church and football groups. She always volunteered to help the students with all food related venues.

Fran also worked for five years for Carroll County Public Schools at Mount Airy Middle School. During the pandemic, she retired again.

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Frances O. "Fran" Wimmer

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Fran is an active member of the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren and has been for 25 years. She can always be found in the church kitchen. She has worked on committees to set up the 5K Crop Walk and a free community garden. She set up the Food Pantry, served on the Witness Commission and worked disaster auction and dinners. She helped collect money, food, toys and clothing for donation to the many groups the Witness Commission supports.

Fran has been an active member to the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for 30 years. Her second home may be the Reception Hall kitchen. She volunteers on committees for Turkey Oyster Dinners (back in the day) and Friday Night Dinners. She also provides catering to various clubs in Mount Airy. Carnival week is a lot of work but very satisfying, when all the community comes out to support us. We serve a dinner buffet in the Reception Hall and dinner platters in our booth on the carnival grounds.

According to Fran: "Volunteering fills my heart with joy. This is a wonderful community to live in. I have made so many life long friends."

Fran enjoys bird watching, and reading, but most of all, just being here for her family. She said: "In retirement I discovered there is a tomorrow and my husband became my best friend. I'm enjoying this life God has given to me."



Ad from the Community Reporter April 25, 1975

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 2025 Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Without their generous sponsorship we would not be able to honor these deserving members of our community.

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

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* Special thanks to ACNB Bank whose ad for this year's program was received after publishing the program, but graciously donated the fee for the ad.



Editor's Note: The following story has been gathered from information in the 1880 and 1900 U.S. Census records, from Civil War U.S. Colored Troops regimental records and from numerous family trees found on Ancestry.com. The information in many cases is conflicting and varied. This story will be a part of the new "Mount Airy in the U.S. Civil War" exhibit that will open early next year in the Mount Airy Museum. If you know more about the history of Thomas Dorsey, or if you know one of the Dorsey family members who might be knowledgeable and can help us out, please let us know.

Thomas Dorsey, Local Civil War Veteran

Thomas Dorsey was born in Frederick County, Maryland, about 1840. He was born and grew up as a slave in Frederick County near Harrisville. At an early age, he was trained as a blacksmith and wheelwright. He was freed from slavery on or before April 1861 and took up farming.

Thomas Dorsey enlisted in Baltimore as a Private in Company F of the 4th Regiment U.S. Colored Infantry on August 4, 1863. At the time he was a 19 year old farmer. He had a brown complexion, black eyes, black hair and was 5'4½" tall.

The 4th U.S.C.T was organized, equipped and trained at Camp Carroll in Baltimore (where the Montgomery Wards building is located). On October 1, 1863, the regiment was sent to Fort Monroe in Virginia. Shortly after their arrival, Thomas and the men of his regiment were engaged in several expeditions including one in October 1863 to Matthews and Middlesex counties in the peninsula between the York and Rappahannock Rivers of Virginia and another one to Richmond in February 1864. In June of 1864, Thomas was sent sick to the General Hospital at Fort Monroe. He spent the rest of the war at Fort Monroe and at the Contraband Camp (a camp for escaped slaves) in Hampton, Virginia. On May 20, 1865, Thomas was discharged by order of the War Department at the General Hospital at Fort Monroe, Virginia, for health reasons on a surgeon's certificate.

After leaving the army, Thomas returned home to Carroll County. In about 1872, James Thomas Dorsey married Eveline Tabisia Smith. Eveline was born in 1854 in Buckeystown, Frederick County, Maryland. She was the daughter of Abraham Smith and Theresa Todd Smith.

Thomas and Eveline were the parents of Rosie Anna Dorsey, born June 25, 1872; Grafton I. "Nick" Dorsey, born July 18, 1872; Carrie C. Dorsey, born August 12, 1876; Dora Dorsey, born about 1878; Jeremiah O. Dorsey, born about 1879; Ruth E. Dorsey, born about 1879; and Thomas James Dorsey, born May 11, 1882.

In 1880, James Thomas Dorsey was 31 and lived in Election District 9 (Franklin District) of Carroll County, Maryland. He made his living as a blacksmith.

In 1900, Thomas was 57 and lived in Westminster and worked as a coachman and domestic servant for a Westminster lawyer named Charles Reifsnider.

Thomas Dorsey died July 30, 1911 in Mount Airy and he was buried in the cemetery at the Fairview United Methodist Church in Unionville (Franklinville). His wife Eveline and his son Grafton are buried by him.

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Editor's Note: The following story was printed in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, May 11, 1945, 80 years ago next month. This is an excerpt from a much longer story.

Germany is Forced to Surrender

Teamwork of United Nations Ends Long and Bitter Struggle

Order to Cease Firing Given by Grand Admiral Doenitz
Who Succeeded Adolf Hitler as Fuehrer – Goering and
Kesserling Captured by Americans – 400,000 Yanks
Will Be Kept in Europe As Army of Occupation

Eleven hard and bitter months after General Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies smashed through the ramparts of "Fortress Europe" to set foot on French soil, Germany's once proud Wermacht, weakened after six years of the bloodiest and costliest war in history, bowed the knee unconditionally to the Allied powers, and signed surrender terms at 3:41 p.m. Eastern War time, Sunday. The surrender was not announced officially, however, until Tuesday morning.

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, who succeeded Adolph Hitler as the German Fuehrer, ordered troops to cease firing, but the bulk of the Nazi forces has already laid down their arms in the face of the Allied avalanche.

The Germans claim that Hitler is dead, but so far no traces of his body have been found. Herman Goering, once the second head Nazi, was captured Tuesday night by the American Seventh Army, as was Field Marshall Albert Kesserling, German commander on the Western front.

Wanted

Old photographs, letters, uniforms, weapons and accoutrements from Civil War veterans of Mount Airy and the surrounding area. The Historical Society of Mount Airy would like to obtain these items through donations or loans for our newest exhibit on Mount Airy in the Civil War. The exhibit will open at the beginning of 2026 and will be included in the Mount Airy Museum until the end of 2026. Items can be dropped off at the museum. Help us to make this the Mount Airy Museum's best exhibit ever and to bring our town's history to those who didn't help make it!

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German Atrocities Witnessed by Local GI War Prisoner

S/Sgt. Edward Hobbs, Recovering at Fort Meade, Went from 180 to 105 Pounds In Nazi Prison Camp

When Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Hobbs, Church street, visited their son, S/Sgt. Edward Hobbs at the Fort Meade Hospital on Tuesday, they saw a lad that was rapidly recovering from the hardships of a German prison camp.



When captured early in January during the height of Von Rundstedt's lunge through Belgium, Eddie weighed 180 pounds and three months later, when released by General Patton's columns, tipped the scale at 105. His folks reported that he had gained 35 pounds., thanks to his diet and treatment since his liberation.

Mr. Hobbs said his son was anxious to forget the horrors of the Nazi prison camp and, somewhat nervous, talked very little. The lad, 24, did disclose that atrocity stories appearing in the press were not overdone. Hobbs said he existed on a bowl of soup given his camp every 24 hours and was one of a group forced to march through the snow without shoes. Fearful of what would happen next, they slept very little on their "bed" which was a sack spread on the bare ground.

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, 1975 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.

- Planning and Zoning had a lot of discussion on its proposals concerning the Linto Car Wash that will be enlarged to accomodate trucks and buses. Also under discussion was the Skidmore request for zoning of the annexed land known as the Rigler property. 4/4/75
- People who answer “yes” to five questions may be eligible for SSI – Supplemental Security Income.
 - 1) Are you 65 or over, blind or severely disabled?
 - 2) Is your income from pensions or Social Secrity income lethan \$166 a month (\$239 for a couple?)?
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 - 4) Is your car valued at \$1200 or less?
 - 5) Are your assets – savings, stocks and other things convertible to cash less than \$1500?Eligible people with other income get \$146 a month (\$219 for a couple, per month). 4/4/75
- The South Carroll Cavalier Band won third place in the Festival of States parade in St. Petersburg, Florida. The band was the only official band representing Maryland in the 54th Annual Festival parade viewed by more than 300,000 people. Principal Chester Elder said it was a big undertaking and they did it all themselves. 4/11/75



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- Ride a Bike is being coordinated by the Mount Airy Kiwanis and Jaycees. It will be held April 20 and a two-mile, six-mile or ten-mile course has been mapped out to benefit the Retarded of both Carroll and Frederick Counties. Contact Richard Wilson or Basil Day. 4/18/75
- Mt. Airy Players are now rehearsing for the new comedy production of "Send Me No Flowers" to be presented in June. Ray Simpson will be director and the cast includes Barbara Harrison, Ellis Leatherwood and Roger Nicodemus who have appeared before. Making their first appearances are Thomas J. Miller, Al Farrell, Jr., Steve Fogle, Mark Morton and Lee Ellen Day. Also in the cast is Jack Steel – this is Jack's 15th appearance with the players. Lesser roles are by Pat Roche, Martha Manhollen and Wendi Mullinix. 4/25/75
- Mount Airy woman participates in food workshop. Mrs. Pauline Buckman, coordinator of Food Services for the Board of Education of Carroll County just completed participation in the Mid-East Regional Workshop for School Services Executives. The main ideas from the session will be used by Mrs. Buckman in her work with 155 food service workers in the Carroll County Public School System. 5/2/75
- Myers Drug Store, which is the successor of the drug store established here by Walter R. Rudy in 1889, has discontinued business April 30 and will be taken over by a new firm operating as the "Old Country Store and Soda Fountain." The new proprietors will handle general lines of antiques, gifts and Hallmark greeting cards, but it will no longer be a drug store. Walter Rudy came to Mount Airy from Middletown – upon his death the store was run by Charles Routzahn, his brother-in-law. Dr. Myers came to Mount Airy in 1938 from Glen Rock, Pa. and operated the store until his death on Easter Sunday, April 22nd, 1973. 5/2/75
- Elizabeth A. Tyner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tyner, and David Edward Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, were married recently in the First Baptist Church of Damascus. The bride, a graduate of South Carroll High School, is employed by the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration in Germantown. The groom, a Glenelg graduate, is employed by Hopkins Excavating. 5/9/75
- Kathryn Harshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harshman, has been accepted to Mount St. Mary's College for the 1975 - 1976 school year. Kathryn is a student at South Carroll High School. She will major in biology. 5/9/75
- Mother's Day Special – Complete Dinner – Your choice of Virginia glazed ham, stuffed turkey or lasagna casserole with all the trimmings and complimentary glass of wine - \$3.95
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Rt. 40 – Mount Airy
- Three Frederick County high school seniors are to enter the Air Force. They are Alan K. Myers, a senior at Linganore High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Myers, Mount Airy, Dane Glisan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Glisan, Union Bridge, and Christopher Hoffman, senior at Brunswick High School, son of Mrs. Beverly Willingham of Brunswick. 5/16/75
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eyler, 204 Plainview Avenue, announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Marie, born Saturday, May 3, 1975. 5/16/75
- Miss Gail Ann Rodgers became the bride of Larry Frederickson on April 26th at Messiah Lutheran Church. The maid of honor was Susie Bankert, friend of the bride, and bridesmaids were Sally Frederickson, sister of the groom, and Mary Romeo, friend of the bride. Bill Frederickson was best man for his brother and the ushers were Keith Rogers, Roger Tabler and Billy Witte. 5/23/75

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Nearly 150 4-Hers participated in the Carroll County 4H Fashion Show on May 10 at South Carroll High School. Chairman for the event was Nancy Brown, and the co-chair was Deann Ramonda. Other committee members were Missy Boller, Cathy Dungan, Kim Miller, Lori Frock, Renee Crowl, Helen Young, Elaine Shirley and Katherine Albaugh. 5/23/75
- The Mt. Airy Sparklers Majorette and Drum Corps began another season by parading through Mount Airy with the opening of Little League season. The first parade in competition was held May 17th in Charleston, W.Va. Out of 160 units in the parade, the Sparklers won two second place trophies. This year's leaders are Mark Bowman, drums; Janice Norwood, color guard; Judy Gosnell and Lisa Lowman, for the Seniors, with Gina Grooms as alternate; Debbie Garver and Kathleen Schrider for the Juniors, Stephanie Moore as alternate; Jackie Fossett and Theresa Chick for Tiny Tots, Kim Beall as alternate; and Bonnie Thoms and Christy Dove for the Baby Dolls with Susie Chick as alternate. Instructors for the year are David Nickens, Barbara Grove and Sandy Bohrer. With over 100 members marching in the Sparkler lineup in red and white the effect is beautiful. 5/23/75
- A Volunteer of the Year Awards Banquet was held at Martins West on May 17th. Volunteers were recognized and selected from the Recreation Council. Clarice Runkles was selected from the Mount Airy Recreation Council. 5/30/75
- Despite the valiant efforts of members of the Mt. Airy Fire Dept., a cat's cries were heard coming from a storm drain under N. Main Street across from Farmers and Mechanics Bank. After prying the grate from the manhole every inducement possible was tried to rescue the kitty. Boards were lowered as well as cat food and even one brave guy by the name of Frederickson lowered himself into the manhole. But after all efforts were exhausted, the rescuers reluctantly replaced the grate unsuccessful at rescuing the kitty. "Hopefully, as some cats manage to get down from a tree without help, so they can leave a drain pipe the same way they entered." 5/30/75
- The first new 1975 marked patrol cars at the Motor Vehicle Division in Waterloo are the Plymouth Fury. They were selected in competitive bidding this year for the 421 new vehicles ordered by the State Police. It will take about nine weeks to get this new fleet completely in service around the state. 5/30/75
- "During 1972, for the first time in history, more than half of the families in America realized \$10,000 or more in annual income." 5/30/75
- A panel of Seniors at South Carroll at the May 19th meeting of the PTSA addressed the topic of "What's Good About South Carroll?" Brian Mason spoke as a member of the award winning South Carroll Band. Terry Leppo spoke from the vantage point of girls sports and senior activities. Debbie Johnson represented the cheerleaders and Kim Wilhelm spoke for the choir. All five mentioned the invaluable learning experiences they have had learning to be responsible, self-disciplined and individualistic as a result of their involvement in extracurricular activities. 5/30/75
- William D. Dwyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Dwyer, received a plaque from Navy Captain J. T. O'Brien, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Navy Fleet Support Office in Athens, Greece, for service as the Director of Special Services and Messes Department. Dwyer is returning to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda where he will assume duties as Director of Recreation after his two year tour in Greece. 5/30/75
- A retirement reception for Rev. and Mrs. DeWitt Dickey was held last month. For the last 11 years they have been with the Potomac United Methodist Church. They were in Mount Airy at Calvary Methodist Church in the fifties and are wished much happiness and good health in their retirement. 6/6/75

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- Local firemen buy valuable rescue tool – The Hurst power rescue tool is a fast safe way to free trapped victims of automobile, industrial and commercial accidents. It has been known as the “jaws of life” because of its power and speed of operation. The hydraulic system is powered by an electric motor and is the only one so powered in the area. The entire assembly cost \$15,000 and the capability of this tool was demonstrated on May 19th when Mt. Airy got a call of a child in a safe. The large 2-door safe was opened in approximately ten minutes and the child removed unharmed and safe. 6/13/75
- Dane H. Runkles, 909 S. Main St., is among 851 Millersville State College, Pa., students named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester. 6/13/75
- St. James Nursery School concluded its first successful year with graduation on May 28th. Among those receiving pre-school certificates were Jennifer Hulver, Robin Reece, Donnie Hash, Brett Hight, Angie Pistoles, Wendy McGiffin, Nina Hendi, Christi Parisi, Chris Devine and Jay Henley. Marsha Pickett was the teacher and Melanie Stoner, the aide. If you have a 3-4 year-old, Director Dianne Buckman, is now accepting applications for 1975-1976. 6/13/75
- Colorful ceremonies highlighted the opening day of the American Legion baseball season. Tommy Long of Troop 460 sounded the National Anthem on his trumpet. The Master of Ceremonies, Coach Andy Mason, gave a brief history of American Legion Baseball in the United States. He indicated this season marks the 50th Anniversary of American Legion baseball in America. Mount Airy’s number one baseball fan, Mr. Lindsay Browning, threw out the first ball to open the season. Post Commander, Tom Wagner, smiled and hollered out “Play Ball!” 6/20/75.
- Helen F. Gartrell of 3 Prospect Rd. received a Bachelor of Science Degree at the May graduation of Boston University’s School of Nursing. Programs of study are offered in 8 nursing fields – Ms. Gartrell majored in basic nursing. 6/20/75
- Mr. J. Robert Lowman, 102 S. Main St., was honored on Thursday, the day following the Kiwanis Club meeting where they recognized him and others 75 years or older. Mr. Lowman turned 84 on his birthday the 19th of June. 6/27/75
- Samuel G. Tressler III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Tressler, Jr., graduated from Western Maryland College, May 26th with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, concentrating on Community Planning. He will be going to graduate school this fall to pursue his Masters. 6/27/75
- David Larry Emswiler, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Emswiler, has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in History at Bridgewater College. He was active in the Wesleyan Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. 6/27/75
- Many readers have been residents of Carroll County all their life and no doubt feel your fondness for this friendly rural district is well founded. Did you know that - The Carroll County Agricultural Society held its first annual fair in October 1869? The price of admission - 50¢ for adults, 25¢ for children. The B. F. Shriver Company was the pioneer of the vegetable packing company industry in Carroll County and at one time was the largest in the state. The first canning factory was in Union Mills in 1869. The southern section of the county was in Taylorsville and Winfield was the center of the world’s largest producer of wormseed oil. The weed was cultivated here as early as 1846. Large scale production began around 1915. Besides its function as a medicine for treatment of hookworms, Indians earlier brewed the plant into a “Mexican tea” and kept it on hand for a vermifuge (an agent that destroys or expels parasitic worms). The oil was a wood preservative used largely for painting the interior of Baltimore Clipper ships bound for the tropics. 6/27/75



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