



# MUSEUM MEMOS

Mt. Airy Museum Newsletter



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## The President's Pen

*Mike Eacho*

Thanks once again to all the individuals who worked so hard to make the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet such a success this year. Without the help of many people this event could not occur. Thanks also to the businesses and organizations that advertised in our Hall of Fame Ceremony program and donated flowers, plaques, pins, and services. The support of these businesses and organizations helps the Historical Society to fund the Hall of Fame Banquet and many of our normal operating expenses. Please look through your Hall of Fame Program and patronize the businesses that have advertised in it.

As always, we are in need of volunteers to help us keep the museum open through the summer. If you can help out, we are looking for people to volunteer for two hour shifts on Saturday from noon until 4pm. Please help us out if you can.

## Welcome New Members

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

Cliff Beck	R. Wayne Evans
Beverly Green	David Miller

New Life members are:

Carl & B.J. Dixon	Thomas Walters
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We would also like to welcome back all of our renewed and life members whose support of the Historical Society allows us to continue our mission of preserving and teaching the history of Mount Airy.

**The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland Meets the first Tuesday of every month (except July and August) in the lower level of Mount Airy Fire Hall. The meetings begin at 7 pm. Please join us.**

## Mount Airy and the B&O Railroad

An all new exhibit is being completed in the Mount Airy Museum called "Mount Airy and the B&O Railroad". The new exhibit features photographs, maps and railroad-related artifacts. The Historical Society would like to welcome all its members, friends and residents of the Mount Airy area to come visit and enjoys the new exhibit.

*The following article is from the Community Reporter of Mount Airy, Maryland from Friday, May 29, 1964, 50 years ago. It describes the cleanup of the lot beside what is now Town Hall following the destruction of Dorsey's Hardware by fire in 1963.*

## Move Under Way To Make Mt. Airy More Attractive

Local Firm Cleaning Up Evidences Of Last Year's Destructive Fire - Street Repairs Planned

Dr. Carr Van Poole officially became Mayor of Mt. Airy on May 15th. In an interview with the REPORTER on Tuesday, the Mayor stated that he hopes the people will help in every way possible in making the town more beautiful and this has been begun by the Mt. Airy Furniture and Appliance Company, formerly the Dorsey Hardware, by cleaning up the walls and debris left by the \$100,000 fire which destroyed the building April 5, 1963. This building was operated by Albert Ross and W. Keller Day and the building itself was owned by Mr. Ross.

Preston Brown, Excavating Contractor, is cleaning up the debris and will begin on next Thursday to repair the holes in the streets of Mt. Airy. The Town Building is to be painted and signs welcoming visitors to Mt. Airy at each end of town will be painted attractively.

Certainly with this beginning, the Town is well on the way to a good business boom with Mayor Van Poole and an excellent Town Council to start activities and continue growing.

*The following article is from the Sykesville Herald of Sykesville, Maryland from Thursday, March 26, 1914. March 25, 2014 was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1914 Mount Airy Fire.*

## **Flames Sweep Through Mt. Airy**

Busy Little Town Suffers Loss That Will Aggregate Close to \$100,000.00

### **The Place Without Fire Protection**

Our neighboring city of Mt. Airy has begun to recover somewhat from the disastrous fire that swept the town on Wednesday, causing a loss that will aggregate close to \$100,000.

The fire started in the boiler room of the Farmers' Milling and Grain Company shortly before noon and practically wiped out the business district in spite of the most desperate efforts to check the flames. How it originated is a mystery. A brisk wind fanned the flames and as the little city was practically without means of fighting the fire little could be done to check its progress until outside help arrived.

While the fire was raging a 50,000-gallon water tank on a hill above the scene of the fire stood empty and opposing bodies of citizens were before the Legislature fighting for and against a bill to give their town the right to issue bonds with which to build a water supply.

Until the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad got its engines to (*the task of*) drawing water from a tank five miles up the track there was not a drop of water with which to fight the flames Except that taken from pumps or wells by buckets. There are no volunteer firemen and a call for help brought forty men with apparatus from Frederick.

A list of the property destroyed and of the amount of insurance carried in each case follows:

Farmers' Milling and Grain Company, damage to building and stock, \$15,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Watkins & Banks, general store, damage, \$15,000; insurance, \$9,000.

First National Bank, damage \$15,000; insurance, \$8,000.

E. M. Molesworth, lumber and coal, damage about \$15,000; insurance about \$7,000.

Runkle & Wagner, ice plant, damage about \$15,000; insurance about \$9,000.

W. W. Baker, dwelling, damaged about \$2,500; no insurance.

H. L. Runkles, hardware store, damage about \$5,000; insurance about \$3,000.

Arnold Fleming, barn and outbuildings, damaged about \$2,500; covered by insurance.

C. L. Skeggs, general store, damage, \$1,500; insurance about \$1,000.

The block wiped out was the west side of Main Street, from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks north. Its location made it possible for the Frederick fire engines to take water from the Baltimore and Ohio locomotives.

George Davis, fireman for the milling company, was shoveling coal in to the furnace when R. L. Runkles shouted the alarm of fire. He saw the flames behind the furnace and, releasing the water from his boiler, fled. W. W. Baker, the manager, saw that nothing could save the mill and ran to his home, a frame building, 200 yards away. His wife and 4-year-old daughter, Carrie, were there. They got the sewing machine, organ and some bedclothes out. The bedclothes burned as fast as they were removed, for the flames jumped to Molesworth's lumber yard, between their home and the mill. W. O. Banks' home, above the Skeggs grocery, with every piece of furniture and every shred of clothing, was the next to burn.

Milton G. Urner, President of the First National Bank, ordered the money there put into a trunk. Forty thousand dollars' worth of greenbacks and coins was dumped in, and Mr. Hall, in an automobile, with an armed guard on each side, carried the money to Frederick.

When the Frederick firemen tumbled off the cars they were greeted with shouts. It had been feared that the flames would spread to the opposite side of the railroad to the big grain elevator of the Mt. Airy Milling and Grain Company, holding several thousands of bushels of grain and many barrels of flour. The offices of this company was scorched, but the firemen kept the fire within the block in which it started.

This is the third disastrous fire in the history of the town. Twenty years ago \$100,000 worth of property on the site of today's fire was destroyed. Then years ago a block on the south side of the railroad was destroyed, with a loss of almost as great.

Mayor Francis J. Leatherwood, while the ruins were still smoldering, declared that the burned area would be rebuilt as soon as possible. He said the city would take heed of the lesson taught and that he would favor the establishment of a fire department, or at least an efficient fire brigade, as well as proper water facilities.

A number of the residents of Sykesville, including Deputy Sheriff W. W. Ritter, George Linton, Elmer E. Jenkins and others, hurried to Mt. Airy, but could do nothing to aid the stricken town. Others went up in the evening to view the ruins.



The photo above shows the west side of Main Street North of the B&O Railroad tracks. The First National Bank (the current location of the old F&M Bank) is the second building on the left from the front.



The photo above shows the back of the same buildings on the west side of Main Street looking from Prospect Avenue. The First National Bank is the closest of the two buildings. The Mount Airy Station is in the background.

**COUNTRY INN**  
 2 miles north of Mt. Airy on Route 27  
**SPECIAL — Saturday, May 30**  
 11:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.  
**PAN FRIED CHICKEN**  
 with Potato Salad, Succotash and  
**Bread and Butter**

95¢ 95¢

FOR CARRY OUT ORDERS, CALL MT. AIRY 696

This ad for the Country Inn appeared in the Friday, May 29, 1964 issue of the Community Reporter. Wouldn't you like to pay this for a good meal now.

*The following article is from the Frederick Post of Frederick, Maryland from Thursday, March 26, 1914.*

## **Mt Airy, Maryland Fire March 25, 1914**

### **ONE-THIRD OF MT. AIRY IN ASHES AS THE RESULT OF AN \$86,000 FIRE**

#### **Great Conflagration Sweeps Business District Leveling Whole Block Inside of Thirty Minutes**

#### **CITIZENS STAND HELPLESS FOR LACK OF WATER SUPPLY**

#### **Entire Fire Fought By Frederick Men — Water Is Brought In Tank Cars From Junction — City is Distracted Over the Catastrophe — Only a Black Hollow Remains of Former New Buildings — Little Talk of Rebuilding.**

One-third of Mt. Airy is a mass of smoking ruins this morning. Valuable business property and stock valued at over \$85,500 was destroyed yesterday by a fire which started in the Farmers' Grain and Milling Company at a quarter to twelve yesterday morning and within half an hour was eating up an entire block of buildings.

The flames spread with incredible rapidity, and Mt. Airy citizens were forced to stand helplessly and watch the devastation. There was absolutely no available water with which to quench the flames. One man, when the first puff of flame was discovered, grabbed a bucket of water and threw it desperately at the fire. When that was gone, all was gone.

From the Farmers' Grain and Milling Company, the flames jumped to the lumber and coal yard of E. M. Molesworth, and in a few minutes had leveled that building to the ground. Mr. Molesworth's business with all its stock and fixtures had just been bought by the Peoples' Lumber and Supply Company, and stock had been taken only day before yesterday. The loss of this concern, in actual computed figures, amounts to \$14,688.

#### **Only One Dwelling Burned.**

The only dwelling house that fell prey to the flames was that occupied by W. W. Baker, his wife, and six children, and owned by the Peoples' Lumber and Supply Company. Nothing was left standing of that but the stone foundation and the chimney. The Baker home was exactly one block away from the Farmers' Grain and Milling Company. It was a mass of flames within twenty minutes after the first discovery of the fire. The Baker family saved nothing but a few blankets, some

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## **Mt. Airy Fire March 25, 1914 (Continued)**

small articles of clothing and a couple of clocks. Everything else was destroyed.

### **Ice Plant Burned.**

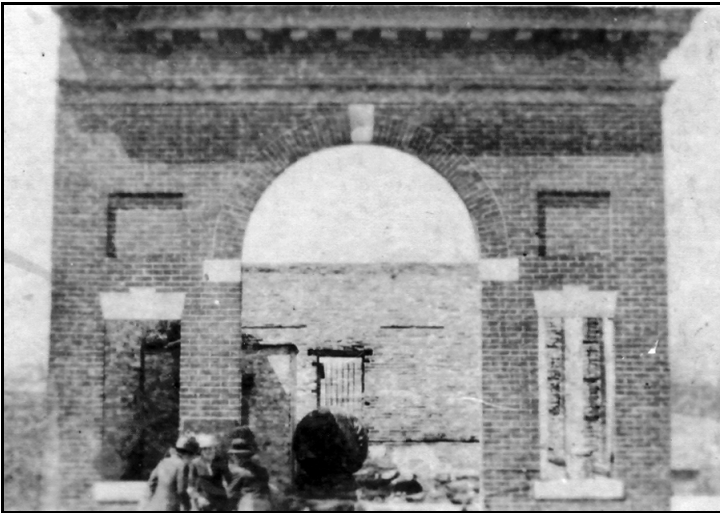
Runkles' & Wagner's ice plant was completely destroyed. Mr. Runkles places the loss at \$15,000. About 800 tons of ice were stored in the plant. The loss of this establishment is more keenly felt by the people of Mt. Airy than any other.

Watkins & Banks' grocery and general merchandise store was completely destroyed, and the loss is placed by the proprietors at about \$15,000.

R. L. Runkles' hardware store and the warehouse adjoining it were burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

### **National Bank Destroyed.**

The First National Bank, a two-story brick structure, was completely gutted and nothing was left standing but the cement vault and the outside walls. All deposits, securities and office paraphernalia were removed before the fire reached the bank.



**First National Bank after the Fire**

(photo not included in the original Frederick Post article)

Skeggs' grocery store was burned to the ground. The loss was \$3,000.

A quarter of a mile away from the ice plant, which was the furthest from the origin of the fire, a cluster of barns, a garage, henhouses and pigeon houses, belonging to Arnold Fleming, caught fire from flying sparks, and converted them into heaps of ashes. Mr. Fleming's house, within fifty feet of the destroyed outbuildings, although it caught fire several times. Mr.

Fleming was unhurt. A number of horses and an automobile in the garage, were removed before the buildings were destroyed.

### **Wind Saved Dwelling.**

Mt. Airy people are thankful that the wind was blowing strongly from the east. If it had shifted, at least half the town would have been wiped out. Business houses and stores directly across the street, were charred by the flames for the most part were blown toward the east.

### **Tons of Coal Burning.**

In the deep hollow, beside the railroad track, where before was a cluster of almost new buildings, is now a mass of smouldering [sic] piles of charred lumber and blazing coal. The coal will probably burn for days before it is consumed. Huge streams of water were thrown on it, but this only made it burn fiercer. About 500 tons of soft and hard coal belonging to the People's Lumber and Supply Company, will be totally lost.

### **Water Would Have Saved It.**

If Mt. Airy had had an available water supply the whole catastrophe would have been averted. Not one drop of water could be secured until tank cars of the Baltimore and Ohio brought it from a watering station at Mt. Airy Junction, over a quarter of a mile away. Into these cars the end of the hose was thrust and the Independent engine on a platform car alongside pumped the water onto the fire. When the car emptied, it returned and in the meantime the flames gained new headway. Thus all the work of the firemen was undone almost as soon as it was finished.

### **Postmaster Discovered Fire.**

Robert Runkles, postmaster of Mt. Airy, discovered the fire as he passed the Farmers' Grain and Milling Company shortly before 12 o'clock yesterday. He saw a puff of flame shoot from the roof of the building, and immediately shouted, "Fire!"

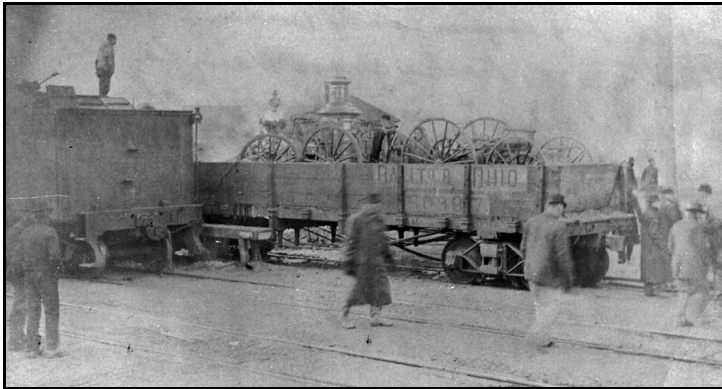
An employee of the company darted from the building with a bucket of water, rushed up the bank and dashed it on the roof, but instead of quenching the flame, it seemed to increase it. Within a few seconds, the entire roof was ablaze, and smoke and sparks were being hurled back into the whole block. Nearly all the buildings were built of wood, and they burned like tinder.

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## Mt. Airy Fire March 25, 1914 (Continued)

### Frederick Firemen Called.

A hurry call was sent to Frederick and the Independent and United Fire Companies responded without delay. The United automobile engine started on the eighteen mile trip, under its own power, and arrived on the scene twenty minutes before the Independent company's engine, which had to be loaded on a truck and go to the fire over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.



**United Fire Companies Equipment arriving on B&O Train**

(photo not included in the original Frederick Post article)

Both fire companies were too late to do anything but keep the flames from spreading. Gangs of firemen dragged the hose from one part of the devastated section to another, flooding everything within reach with water. It was impossible for them to get to the center of the block, for the hollow was blocked up on all sides with masses of hot tin and piles of cracking coal.

### Hills Covered With Furniture.

On the hills back of the town were groups of women and children and piles of bedclothing, [sic] beds, chairs, bureaus, clocks and household furniture, which had been taken from nearby homes and trundled up the hill in wheelbarrows. Not a dwelling in the town except that occupied by W. W. Baker was touched by the fire.

Mr. Baker's house caught fire in the rear, directly next to the sleeping apartments of the family. Had the fire been at night, Mr. Baker believes the family would have been in serious danger. There are six children, ranging in age from four to ten years. All were at school when the fire broke out, and no one was home but Mrs. Baker.

### Saved Records First.

Mr. Baker's first thought was for his books. He is manager of the Farmers' Grain and Milling Company. When the cry of "Fire" was sounded he rushed for his office, grabbed up everything in reach and darted for the street. He had to make several trips back and forth before all his records and books were safe. In the meantime, his home had caught fire and was burning beyond hope of being saved. Mrs. Baker picked up a few trinkets and articles of clothing and ran from the house before the flames had begun to eat into the interior. All the Baker household goods were destroyed. What little was left was packed into a wagon and hauled up the hill to Arnold Fleming's residence, where the Bakers will stay until other arrangements can be made.

### Depot in Danger.

For a time it was feared the B. and O. Railroad station directly across the street from the Farmers' Grain and Milling building would be consumed, but the wind blew the flames the other way. The B. and O. trainmen kept four engines close to the station throwing water upon it.

Mt. Airy people are much distracted to make any intelligent plans for rebuilding the devastated section. Mr. Runkles, of Runkles & Wagner owners of the destroyed ice plant stated yesterday that he did not contemplate rebuilding. His loss of \$15,000 is only partly covered by insurance.

### C. & P. Telephone Co. Suffers

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company suffered heavy losses in yesterday's conflagration. Over 150 feet of cable was completely ruined, and one head of cable was destroyed.

More than a dozen telephones were burned, and 12 or 15 telephone poles, consumed by the flames. About eight of these poles have been replaced. It was stated last night at the company's offices that if the heated walls and ruins cool off, all telephone apparatus will be in good working order today.

A crew of 25 men arrived at the stricken town shortly before three o'clock yesterday and spent the whole afternoon repairing the damage.

**Visit the Mount Airy Museum Saturdays 12 noon until 4 pm.**

*The following article is from the Community Reporter of Mount Airy, Maryland from Friday, May 29, 1964, 50 years ago.*

### **Mt. Airy Telephone Exchange To Convert To Dial System**

The long-awaited transition of the Mt. Airy telephone exchange to dial service will become a reality late in 1965, it was learned this week with the announcement that the Board of Directors of the C. & P. Telephone Company has authorized the \$850,000 project to convert the area from manual operation to the latest in electronic equipment.

When the local project is completed, the entire Frederick county will be on dial service. The telephone company is currently in the process of converting Middletown to the dial, with that project expected to be completed by January, 1965.

According to Carl V. Weakley, manager of the Frederick office, the Mt. Airy project includes \$100,000 for construction of a building to hold the dial equipment, \$565,000 for the central office dial equipment, \$150,000 for cables and other outside plant equipment, and \$35,000 for station conversion.

Mr. Weakley said construction of the \$100,000 building on South Main street in Mt. Airy will begin in August and should be completed next May. The one-story brick building will measure 60 by 60 feet and contain 68,000 cubic feet of space.

The Mt. Airy area currently has 1,378 customers and 1,791 telephones, Mr. Weakley stated. Operators employed at Mt. Airy will be reassigned to other positions.

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Members of the Mount Airy Hall of Fame pose at the 2014 Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. From left to right: **Back Row** – Pete Bowlus (2010), Dennis “Denny” Ahalt (2003), Margaret Ann Fritz (2007), B.J. Dixon (2006), Mike Eacho (2014), Janice Wagner Jewell (2014), Thomas “Crow” Wagner (2008), Wendi Wagner Peters (2012), Billy Wagner, (2003), Dave Pyatt (2009), Bill Knill (2004), Lee Fogle (2009), Jimmy Linton (2009), James Carey Stargel (2014); **Front Row** - Frank Dertzbaugh (2011), Virginia Norwood (2004), Jim Jacobs (2010), Luke J. Kissel (2014), Rose Ann Parenteau (2005), Oscar Baker (2000), Elaine Dean (2010), Joan Collins (2004), Helen Simpson (2002), Ellie Bonde (2009), Althea Miller (2008), Bonnie Webb Winkler (2009), Pat Norwood (2007), Richard J. “Dick” Swanson (2014)

## Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

*Compiled by Althea Miller*

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the January, February and March 1964 "Community Reporter" Newspaper. The late L. Pearce Bowlus, was the Editor for over 35 years. 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 student recognition service was held at Calvary Methodist Church with members of the church currently enrolled in institutions of higher education, participating in the program. Participants included Linda Graf and Tom Ogle (prayers); Mary Lynn Myers, Diane Simpson and Jane Culwell (scriptures); Dorothy Ray (testimony); Robert Leatherwood, Ray and Ronald Molesworth, Tim Rigler, Ronald Runkles, Frances Biddinger, Jr., John Dertzbaugh and Gary Merritt (ushers). (1/3/64)
- The Mount Airy Homemakers held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Aubrey Fleming with Mrs. Oscar Baker as co-hostess with 25 members and 2 guests present. (1/10/64)
- Forty-five petitioners from the Ridgeville area representing 70% of the property owners presented a third annexation petition to the Mayor and town council on January 8. (1/10/64)
- Fire destroyed the barn on the property belonging to David H. Snell on Runkles Road. The property was formally known as the Runkles Farm or Willow Farm. The cause of the blaze is unknown. (1/10/64)
- On Sunday evening a heavy snow and wind storm hit the Mount Airy area. The snow continued all Monday and stopped about 8:00 P.M. leaving approximately 10-11 inches. High winds caused extensive drifting. In addition temperature dropped to zero. (1/17/64)
- Lewis C. Dixon was recently installed as president of the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club for 1964. Other officers elected were: Robert Browning, vice president; Andrew W. Mason, secretary and Walter Spurrier, treasurer. (1/17/64)
- The 37th Annual Banquet of the Mount Airy Fire Company was served by the Ladies Auxiliary. Everyone was welcomed by R. Delaine Hobbs, president. (1/17/64)
- Naudine H. Pheobus of Mount Airy was among the 166 students at Towson State College to be named to the Dean's list. To qualify a student must be in the upper 10% in order to qualify. (1/24/64)
- With the high school basketball season at the halfway mark, the Bulldogs have an 8-3 record. A 58-50 victory over Sykesville on January 20 put the Bulldogs in first place in the county. Blanton scored 21 points and Clutter 17 to lead the scoring. (1/24/64)
- The girls basketball team defeated Langanore on January 8. Sandy Cullison accounted for 12 points and Linda Fogle 8. The final score was 22-19. (1/24/64)
- Walter C. Brown was elected to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Damascus at the Annual Stockholders meeting. Mr. Brown holds a B.S. Degree from VPI and has been a cashier at the bank since 1955. (1/24/64)
- The Mount Airy Coin Club elected the following officers on January 23: Bill Day-president; Dick Hammond-vice president; Mrs. Joyce Mundy-secretary; C.R. Topper-treasurer and Mike Day-coin custodian. (1/31/64)
- Mrs. Jean King has been promoted to Chief Operator of the Middletown Office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., effective January 19. Mrs King has been in this position since September but has just been promoted permanently. (1/31/64)
- This year the Boy Scouts are celebrating the 54th birthday of scouting. There are 30 boys in Troop 460 under the leadership of Scout Master Ray Grimes. Leonard Sherman and Hanford VanSant are Assistant Scout Masters. There are 55 families in the Cub Scout Pack. Richard Smith is Cub Master, Donald Van Sant is Assistant Cub Master and Harrieton Merritt is chairman of the Cub Pack Committee. (2/7/64)

## Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Mayor Frank Horpel appointed Henry Lach to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Lach replaced Asa Watkins as Chairman after having served since 1951. George Free has accepted the chairmanship and Dennis Corrick is the third member. (2/7/64)
- The 12th Annual Blue and Gold banquet of Cub Pack 734 was held Monday evening with 202 present. Many introductions were made including Mrs. Anna May Smith and Mrs. Mary Jane Beck who were recognized for having served as Den Mothers for four years. (2/14/64)
- The newest snowfall of the season fell on Tuesday and continued through Wednesday with no school on Wednesday. The unofficial estimate is 10 inches. (2/21/64)
- The Kiwanis Club celebrated Ladies Night in the cafeteria of the elementary school with 66 members and their ladies present. George Free inducted two new members, Jerry Johnson and Dick Wilson, both of Merridale Gardens. (2/21/64)
- Diane Simpson is on the Dean's list at Western Maryland College for the first half of the school year. She is a senior and has recently completed her student teaching at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda. (2/21/64)
- Jenny Bowlus, Barbara Browning and Susan Hilbinger have won Distinction rank for scholarship at Mount Airy High School. The three juniors received all A's first semester. 37 students made the honor roll (all A's and B's). (2/21/64)
- Eileen Hood was crowned 1964 Key Club Sweetheart at the dance held at the high school on February 15. She was crowned by Robert Haight, president of the Key Club. (2/21/64)
- Auditions have been set for "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Directing the play will be Mrs. James Reed, a resident of Hickory Hills. (2/28/64)
- The Mount Airy Bulldogs closed the 1964 basketball season with a loss to Glenelg on February 17 giving them a 11-7 record. Ray Blanton set four new Carroll County League records. (2/28/64)
- Mount Airy Bulldogs spurred in the second half of the basketball game played last Friday night at Western Maryland College to down North Carroll 71-54 in the Carroll County Tournament. Ray Blanton's 34 points led the Bulldogs to 3rd place finish in the tournament. (3/6/64)
- On February 25 Miss Nancy Gosnell's third grade and Mrs. Blanche Butler's sixth grade presented two plays at Mount Airy Elementary. Some of the students in "George Washington's Birthday Party" were: Jeanne Harshman, Curtis Norris, William Teague, Bill Colburn, Linda Frederickson, Gregg Mason, Gary Rippeon, Cliff Beck, Dennis Baker, Jeff Schlotterbeck, Dane Runkles, Marcie Burns, Robert Wagner and Dale Flora. Performing in "Abraham Lincoln, Attorney-at-Law" were: Steve Jackson, Mark Dorsey, Mike Schlotterbeck, Dana Miller and Cynda Henley. (3/6/64)
- Marine Private First Class Mark H. Culwell was meritoriously promoted upon graduation from recruit training at Parris Island, North Carolina. He will now be transferred to Camp Lejune, North Carolina. (3/13/64)
- Three concerts are scheduled for Carroll County Schools. The combined orchestra, band and song flute program will be presented at Francis Scott High School on April 4. The Western Maryland College Little Symphony Orchestra will present its concert on April 10 in Alumni Hall. The Carroll County Schools choral festival (Eisteddfod) will be held April 17 at Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College. (3/13/64)
- Ray Blanton, with an average of 27 points, was named to the News Americans 1964 All Star Squad. Earlier he had been named to the All County Team and the Frederick Area All Star Squad. The scoring is based only on league games (most points, most field goals and most foul shots.) The previous record (270) was set by Jack Nevious of New Windsor in 1955-56. Blanton scored 329 this season for an average of 27.417. This game average bested the previous high of Bill Franklin (24.0) in 1961-62. (3/20/64)



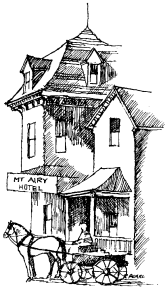
### **Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)**

- New officers are chosen by the Mount Airy PTA: President, C.M Witte; Vice President, Lewis C. Dixon; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Guymm; and treasurer, Mrs. Grace Mason. Mr. Merritt and Mr. Elder recognized Roy True and Dave Van Gosen for their time and effort spent in assisting students in the Science Fair. (3/20/64)
- The Mount Airy Citizen's League will appear before the Maryland State Board of Education on April 3 to support their appeal made on November 21, 1963 about the potential school merger. This appearance will culminate efforts begun more than two years ago to obtain from the Carroll County Board of Education the studies which were made in support of the decision to erect a new consolidated high school in the Winfield area to replace MAHS and Sykesville High School. (3/27/64)
- Three MAHS students have been cited for receiving all A's in the last marking period: Jenny Bowlus and Susan Hilbinger-Juniors and Thomas Muller-freshman. Students recognized for Honor status (A's and B's) were: Nancy Norwood, John Simpson, Jewell Hadden, Linda Farver, Ethel Martin, Donald Duncan, Mary Lou Lowman, Cathy Clutter, Margaret Wilman, James Molesworth, Ronnie Runkles, Priscilla Daniels, Annette Bennett, Karen Wilman, Marie Poole, Karen Guynn, Barbara Browning, Pat Decker, Carol Athey, Sandra Cullison, Patricia Urban, Bruce Clutter, Paula Mullinix, Faye Davis, Eileen Hood and Barbara Franklin. (3/27/64)
- Seventeen Mount Airy students were chosen for the All County Band and seven will perform in the All County Orchestra. Members were chosen based on audition: Jane Culwell, Ann Burdette, Marijean Kaetzel, Carol Colburn, James Molesworth, Charles Condon, Donald Duncan, Larry Cullison, James Wilson, Craig Edwards, Ricky Clower, John Simpson, Barbara Goodwin, Robert Haaight, Ron Clower, Tom Muller and Roger Hawkesworth. Chosen for the orchestra are: Susan Boller, Gary Guynn, Ronnie Runkles, Tina Boller, Jerry Baker, Barbara Browning and Wayne Mundy. (3/27/64)

***Join the Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland***

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Life/Individual \$250.00			
	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal			
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