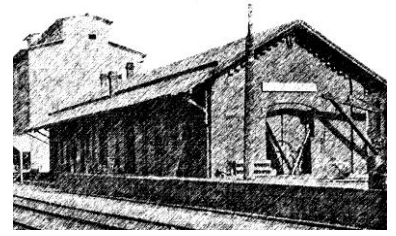




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The President's Pen

Mike Eacho

Our next Historical Society Meeting is Tuesday, September 5. I hope all our members will attend this important meeting. First of all, we need to elect the officers for the Historical Society. Both Pete Bowlus and Pat Norwood have asked to step down. Pete has served as Vice President since 2005 and Pat has served as Treasurer since the Historical Society was established back in 1997. I greatly appreciate all the work both of them have done for the Historical Society over the years.

In a couple of months, the Historical Society hopes to move into the Mount Airy Station. This new home is an exciting venture and has more display area than the Flat Iron Building. It is the home we have all hoped for since the Historical Society began. We will need new exhibits to fill this space. The Town is hoping the museum and the caboose will be the showpieces of the downtown area. They are expecting us to help make the Station this showpiece. To do so, we need input from all our members. For starters, we would like to know what each member feels are the most important pieces of Mount Airy's history. Does your list include a particular person or group of people, a particular event, a business or building, or possibly some time period? If you were explaining this piece of history to a friend or family member about this piece of history, what would you use to describe it - a photo, some object, a tool or piece of clothing, or possibly an article from a newspaper? I hope you all will give this some thought over the next couple of weeks before the meeting and share your thoughts with us.

I would also like for anyone who ever rode a train into or out of Mount Airy Station to share your experiences.

So, please attend the September meeting and share your thoughts.

The Mount Airy Station

The Mount Airy loop, the B&O Railroad line through Mount Airy, began operation on June 1, 1839. It was built to bypass the planes of Parr's Ridge, which had been an expensive and difficult way to cross Parr's Ridge for the prior eight years.

The Mount Airy Station was built along this line in 1869. It was designed by architect, E. Francis Baldwin and constructed by the B&O Railroad. It was a one-story brick freight depot that was 51 feet 10 inches long and 25 feet 8 inches wide. It had rather ornate brickwork and wood roof brackets, all of which may still be seen today.

The station was extended at both ends in 1876 to increase freight storage capacity. In 1882 a passenger waiting room was added on the west end of the station. Later, the small wooden passenger waiting room was replaced by the brick structure that is now home to the Mount Airy Pharmacy.

The Mount Airy loop was the main line of the B&O Railroad from 1839 until the realignment and construction of the Mount Airy tunnel in the early 1900s. At that time it became the Mount Airy cutoff and was used for local passenger and freight service only.

The last passenger train, a local running from Baltimore to Mount Airy and back, ran to Mount Airy on December 31, 1949.

The eastern portion of the Mount Airy cutoff, which passed through what is now Watkin's Park as it came into Mount Airy, was removed from the books, August 15, 1957 thus eliminating freight service through Mount Airy. This right of way is now a rails to trails path. The western portion of the cutoff remained in operation serving the Mount Airy cold storage facility until around 2005 when the facility closed. It is now unused.

Chirp Soda, a Mount Airy Industry

A story from H. Deets Warfield, Jr.



The car has a Chirp Soda Decal on the door and trunk

The car in this photo was a red 1940 Chevrolet Coup that my father, H. Deets Warfield, Sr. used to promote the sale of "Chirp" a carbonated cola type drink. It was driven, mainly by Buck Phoebus of Mount Airy, to parades, carnivals and fairs or wherever a crowd of people might be expected to gather. The coup contained a P.A. System and a record player to attract attention and tell the "Chirp" story. "Chirp, Chirp a bird of a drink", was the slogan on the car and announced through the P.A. System.

As the nation geared up for World War II, large truckloads of the product were sent to Defense Plants and Military Bases in the Baltimore area.

"Chirp" along with other flavored sodas were bottled in a section of his Chevrolet Dealership on South Main Street. Prior to "Chirp" the bottling plant was used for Nichol Kola and other flavors. A dispute between my father and the Nichol Kola Company led to the production of "Chirp". The start of World War II rationed sugar to the point that the business could not continue.

Thank you, Mr. Warfield so much for this informative historical information. For all the "new" members of the Mount Airy Historical Society Mr. H. Deets Warfield, Sr. owned the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealership at 1010 South Main Street. The dealership moved to Damascus in the early sixties. The Warfield Chevrolet building was recently destroyed by a major fire.



Chirp Soda Bottle Cap

Yearbooks and Class Photos Wanted

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland has copies of many of the yearbooks published by the classes of Mount Airy High School during the years the school was open (1914 through 1967). However, we have no yearbooks for the years 1914 through 1951. We are not sure any yearbooks were ever published in those early years. If those yearbooks were printed and you have a copy, please consider donating it to the Historical Society to complete our collection.

The Historical Society is also in need of class photos for the following years:

- 1914-1921
- 1923-1929
- 1932-1933
- 1936-1939
- 1941
- 1963-1967

Welcome New Members

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

- Benjamin Greenstein

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Support for the Mount Airy Hall of Fame

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would again like to express its sincere gratitude to the many businesses in our community that supported this year's Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony. Without their generous sponsorship we could not honor these deserving members of our community. We ask you all to please support the following businesses, which have supported us so generously over the years. They provide so much to our great community.

Anissa Hastings, Realtor, Weichert Realtors - New Colony
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Artifacts and Photos Wanted

The Mount Airy Station will soon be reopening as the Mount Airy Museum. The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would like to obtain train station items from the 1940s and 1950s such as baggage scales, passenger benches, and baggage and freight wagons. Other items also needed include:

- Photos of the Mount Airy Station
- B&O Railroad tickets, schedules & menus
- B&O Railroad plates, cups, glasses & tableware
- B&O Railroad conductor, attendant & crew uniforms including hats and coats

These items will help us to relate the importance of the B&O Railroad to the development of Mount Airy.

For those of you who have not heard, voting to extend the budget for the restoration of the station's interior and to award the restoration contract was delayed until the September Town Council meeting. Painting of the exterior and repointing of the brickwork is in progress.

The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland has its monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month except for the months of June, July and August.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be on September 11, 2017 (September 4 is Labor Day) at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company. Please join us.

Editor's Note: The following article is from the Friday, August 20, 1967 Mount Airy Community Reporter. John Devault was inducted into the Mount Airy Hall of Fame in March of 2013. Mr. Devault died October 19, 2012.

**John Devault
Named Principal
Of Schools Here**

**Native of Cumberland Had Previously Served As
Vice Principal in Charge of Administration**



John Devault has been named principal of the Mt. Airy Schools. Mr. Devault is a native of Cumberland, and is a graduate of Allegany High School. After completion of high school he enlisted for four years in the U.S. Navy. In 1958 he received his B.S. from Frostburg State College. He did graduate work at Western Maryland, the University of Maryland and George Washington University where he received his master's degree. More recently he has received his master's degree equivalence in Secondary School Administration.

In 1963 Mr. Devault served as president of the Tri-County Guidance Association including Carroll, Howard and Frederick counties. He is a member of the Carroll County Teachers Association, the Maryland State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, Maryland Personnel and Guidance Association and the Carroll County Association of Secondary School Principals.

Mr. Devault served as President of the Carroll County Teachers Association in 1964, and served as state delegate to the National Education Association Convention held in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Devault is active in civic organizations and is presently serving as treasurer of the Mt. Airy

Kiwanis Club. He is a member of Calvary Methodist Church and is presently serving on the official board. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ridge Swimming Club.



Mr. Devault began his teaching career in 1958 in Mt. Airy Junior High School. He served as the Guidance Counselor and was transferred to Westminster Junior High School in 1964. He was appointed vice principal of the Westminster School in 1964. This past year he served as vice principal in charge of administration at the Mt. Airy Senior High School.

Mr. Devault, his wife Juanita and two girls, Diane and Cherie, reside in Mt. Airy.

Editor's Note: The following article is also from the Friday, August 20, 1967 Mount Airy Community Reporter.

**Mt. Airy By-Pass
High on List of Priority Projects**

The Mt. Airy by-pass is high on the list of priority projects to be submitted to the State Roads Commission by the Carroll County Commissioners. In a meeting with State legislators, the Carroll County Commissioners discussed priorities which must be submitted before September 1, for the next two year program. Even though the Mt. Airy by-pass is high on the list, work will not begin before July 1, 1968.

FROZEN FOODS...	
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Ad from the Community Reporter August 4, 1967

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Althea Miller

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the May, June, July, August, and September, 1967 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.

- The Soroptimist Club announced the winners of the local Citizenship Award. Karen White of MAHS received the first place award for Carroll County. Second place in the local contest was won by Barbara Ann Schubele and third place to Marijean Kaetzel. 4/7/67
- Charles Magin and Gereald Mundy have been given individual honors for basketball. Both were recognized on the All County team. This is the Bulldogs last year as a team. 4/7/67
- The Spring Music Program (All County Band, Orchestra and Song Flutes) will be held on Saturday, April 8 at Westminster Junior High. The Eisteddfod will be held April 7 at Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College. 4/7/67
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Nikirk are the proud parents of their third child and second son, John Oliver. 4/7/67
- R. Lee Fogle, president of the King's Men's Bible Class welcomed 140 persons to the Father and Son Banquet at Calvary Methodist Church on March 30. Group singing was led by Norman Etzler. Teachers of the Men's Class, Pearce Bowlus, George Free and Leslie Rigler, were recognized. 4/7/67
- When the deal is concluded whereby several acres of land situate along the east side of Rte. 27 (now North Main Street) in the town of Mount Airy will be conveyed by Miss Edith Tabler to the Carroll County Board of Education. More than 40 years ago (November, 1923) an auction was held at the corner of Rte. 27 and Watersville. Albert Tabler purchased some 52 lots that day. This comprised the farm of the late Henry P. Nusbaum at the turn of the century. After selling off part of his holdings in April, 1917 Tabler granted 100 acres to John J. Shank. The part of the Tabler farm previously being sold by the owner, Miss Edith Tabler, to the Board of Education was devised by her father, the late Albert S. Tabler, Sr. 4/14/67
- The local Kiwanis Club inducted a new member, Arnold "Arnie" Ogren. Arnie is employed with the State Penal System. 4/14/67
- President Herman S. Beck, Jr. announced today that the Mount Airy Lions will install fifty 1500 watt quartz type lights at the local Little League Park for the coming season. 4/21/67
- The April meeting of the Ki-Wives was held at the home of the president, Betty VanHoose. The program was presented by Eleanor Fleming of Ridgeville Nurseries. She demonstrated how to make corsages. After this demonstration games were played with the winners receiving corsages: Pat Norward, Mary Jane Wilson, Margaret German, Lynn Burdette and Sue Wilson. 4/21/67
- The MAHS Band presented its' 10th and final Spring concert on April 20. The 75 musicians performed Themes from Beethoven's Third Symphony, a selection from Mozart as well as modern music for band. The final number was highlights from Carousel by Rogers and Hammerstein. John Simpson was heard as a French Horn soloist in the Mozart number. Two members, John Simpson and Tom Muller, were in the state band and 31 in the county band and orchestra. Officers of the band are: President- Terry Baker; Vice President- Charles Magin; Secretary-Pat Kuhl; Treasurer- John Simpson; Historian- Tom Muller; and Drum Major- Doug Alexander. 4/28/67
- The local Jaycees will conduct a "Pop Bottle Drive" on Saturday, May 6. When they come to your door they ask that you give them at least six pop bottles. With the money from the pop bottles they hope to purchase insurance which is required as well as some extra equipment for the Little League team.

5/5/67

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The Annual Mother Daughter Banquet of Calvary Methodist Church was held May 2 at the Fireman's Activities Building with approximately 150 in attendance. Mrs. Horace Boone, president of the AFB Class greeted everyone and introduced the toastmistress, Mrs. Webster Gosnell. Mrs. Walter Spurrier gave the invocation. The Mother/Daughter tribute was given by Mrs. Walter Brown and her daughter, Nancy Brown. 5/12/67
- The LCW of Calvary Lutheran Church met Tuesday afternoon to roll cancer bandages and also made homemade soup. 5/12/67
- "An Old Time Hymn Sing" will be held at Marvin Chapel on May 21 at 2:00. Weather permitting, the "sing" will be held outside in the church grove. 5/19/67
- At 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 30 the Annual Memorial Day services will be held at Pine Grove Cemetery. This program is sponsored by Gold Star Post 191 and Gold Star Unit 191. Rev. Muradian will assist. 5/19/67
- The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce focused on the proposed sewerage system for Mount Airy. Mr. Hobbs, Sanitary Commissioner from the Town Council introduced Robert E. Leslie from the engineering firm hired to survey and make recommendations. 5/19/67
- The MAHS Alumni Association banquet and dance will be held June 10 at Frock's Sunnybrook Farm. The 1966-67 president is Carol Gartrell. The toastmaster will be Walter Brown. Other officers are Sandra Linton- vice president; Anna Belle Bidinger-secretary; and Dorothy Wagner- treasurer. 5/26/67
- Beta Sigma Phi sorority held a reception and tea at the home of Mrs. Leonard Sherman for young ladies of the graduating class of MAHS on May 19. The girl of the year recognized was Barbara Schubele. Entertainment was provided by the "Tijuana Brass of MAHS," a musical group composed of Frank Dertzbaugh, Paul Frink, John Simpson, Larry Cullison, Thomas Muller, Craig Edwards, Steve Walton, all members of the Key Club and Senior High School Band. 5/26/67
- The Mount Airy Garden Club met May 18 at the home of Mrs. Leonard Sherman. The president, Mrs. Jessie Grigsby conducted the business meeting. The officers for 1967-68 are: President- Mrs. Donald Grigsby; Vice President- Mrs. Leonard Sherman; Secretary- Mrs. Francis Bidinger; and Treasurer- Mrs. Clyde Boller. 5/26/67
- Virginia Boone was crowned Queen of the 1967 May Court and Charlie Miller was crowned King at the traditional assembly. Principal Merritt also crowned Cindy Lare and Paul Harrison Princess and Prince. The court is elected by the entire student body. The following were elected to represent their classes: Jackie Archer and Terry Baker-senior; Wendy Bidinger and Gereald Mundy-junior; Joyce Schuble and Steve Walton-10th grade; Linda Broom and Steve Jackson-9th grade; Arlene Ayers and Jim Moxley-8th grade; Denise Corrick, Terry Hawkins, Timmy Taylor and Gregory Dods were ring bearers. 5/26/67
- MAHS Future Homemakers of America were hostesses at a Mother-Daughter Dinner on May 18. Helen Ridgeley was presented the award in home economics. A fashion show was the highlight of the evening when the girls wore the clothes they made in home economics classes. 5/26/67
- Under the leadership of Coach Fred Baker and Coach Janice Leatherwood the following received trophies at the Mount Airy Bowling Lanes: Ellen Hall, Linda Butler, Gloria Clower, Connie Tyner, Shirley Raby, Berry Pickett, Donna Norwood, Ellen Beck, Gereald Mandy, Cindy Lare, Kay Boone, Cathy Schrider and Lee Waltz. 5/26/67
- Sam Beck dealt Linganore High School its' first defeat of the year last Thursday pitching MAHS to a 5-2 victory over the Lancers. This was the second start of the year for the freshman lefty. 5/26/67
- Miss Helen E. "Jenny" Bowlus has been elected vice president of the Class of 1969 at St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg. She is an English major and a graduate of MAHS. 6/2/67

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- MAHS will graduate its last class on June 2. Class officers are President-Frank Dertzbaugh; Vice President-John Simpson; Secretary- David Athey; and Treasurer- Linda Wagner. 6/2/67
- The Pinewood Derby, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 724 was held recently and judged by Charles Gendell, Roy True and Jack Devault. Mark Richards won the blue ribbon for originality. Robert Alexander won the blue ribbon for workmanship. 1st place for speed was Doug Smith. 6/2/67
- The seventh Annual Diamond Jubilee was celebrated by the Kiwanis Club on May 31 when 44 guests were honored. Mrs. Mary Lare, 91, was the oldest lady and Frank Weller admits to 89. 6/9/67
- On June 14th the Bee and Thistle Club will meet at the home of Mrs. William Wagner. At a recent workshop Mrs. Frank Harris demonstrated "How to Achieve Good Design in Making Flower Arrangements." 6/9/67
- Mr. and Mrs. Frederic L. Baker announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Molly Ann, on Sunday 4. 6/16/67
- The Fifty-second Annual Convention of the Kiwanis International will be held in Houston, Texas June 25-29. Representing Mount Airy Club will be Gerald Johnson, vice president and Rudy Watkins, reception committee chair of the local club. 6/16/67
- West Falls Methodist Church which has long been a part of the Prospect-Marvin Charge officially closed its' doors as a Methodist Church due to the small membership and attendance. 6/16/67
- The local Jaycees will be represented at the National Convention by The Rev. Bill Boyer who will participate in the National "Speak Up" finals. 6/23/67
- The MAHS Alumni Banquet at Frocks' Sunnybrook Farm had 311 in attendance, 6/23/67
- The local Lions Club was well represented at the convention in Atlantic City. In attendance were President and Mrs. Herman S. Beck, Jr.; First Vice President and Mrs. Carroll Robinson; Secretary Jack Steel; Treasurer and Mrs. Paul Lowman; Past District Gov. and Mrs. Murray Ryan; Past President Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Full; and Director and Mrs. Jack Boone. 6/23/67
- Roy J. True, science teacher at MAHS, is one of 72 secondary science and math teachers enrolled in Bucknell University Summer Institute from June 26 to August 4. 6/23/67
- The annual picnic of Prudence Chapter, No.95, Order of the Eastern Star was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pickett, Woodbine. The hosts were most gracious and generous. 6/30/67
- Twenty-five Carroll County women attended College Week for Women at the University of Maryland from June 12-16. Participating for the first time from Mount Airy was Mrs. Clyde Boller. Mrs. Merle Hahn of Mount Airy attended for her 12th year. 6/30/67
- Robert Wehland has been selected to manage Southern States, Mount Airy Cooperative, Inc. He replaces John Kilby who has accepted a position with the Marketing Services of Southern States in Baltimore. 7/7/67
- The Mennonite Bible School was well attended this year. Approximately 125 were enrolled, 50 having perfect attendance. There were 38 pre-school boys and girls enrolled. Pastor Irvin Martin was the Superintendent. 7/7/67
- The Carroll County Board of Education as established a driver education program for this summer. There is no charge for Carroll County residents but a \$5.00 deposit will be required. 7/7/67
- Private First Class Dwight Mullinix is serving his country with the Army Signal Corps in Pau-Lam, Vietnam. 7/14/67

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The town of Mount Airy is watching with great interest the improvement being made at 212 Main Street, Dr. Benjamin Livesey's dental office. He also has plans to change his office as well as the hotel which he recently purchased. 7/21/67
- The Bowling Lanes are being constructed on Center Street, back of Southern States. Zeke Watkins expects the lanes to be completed in September. 7/21/67
- Miss Tina Boller was crowned "Miss Mount Airy" in the Fire Company beauty contest Monday night. Second place winner was Cindy Lare and third place—Jeannie Conaway. Other participants were: Linda Reaver, Linda Biddinger, Debbie Moxley, Barbara Day, Roxanne Weaver, Kay Runkles and Connie Tyner. Miss Sharon Warfield, last year's winner, crowned the new queen. 7/28/67
- The Carroll County 4-H FFA Fair concluded Saturday with the 4-H Dress Revue. The senior group winners were first-Barbara White, Mount Airy; second Marian Metcalfe of New Windsor and third-Susan Gorsuch, New Windsor. 7/28/67
- Frank Plunkard has been named Chief of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company. Frank is a Service Lineman with Potomac Edison. 8/4/67
- Thursday, June 28 was designated as "Hanford Moxley Day" at NIH when nearly a hundred of Mr. Moxley's friends from nearly 20 years of service with NIH gathered to wish him farewell. He will work out of the Information Services Branch of the Office of Communications, NIMH. 8/4/67
- Harrieton Merritt, principal of Mount Airy Schools has resigned to accept a position as Director of Curriculum in Charles County. 8/11/67
- The members of the Four County Jaycees and their wives met for the Annual Awards Banquet. New officers were installed for 1967-68: president-Forest Gray; vice president-Russell Dennis; directors- Fred Stevens and Roger Hawkesworth; secretary-Morriss Browning; internal director-Ronald Windsor; external director-Bob Nelson; treasurer-Charles Norris; state director-Tom Neff. 8/18/67
- Virginia Norma "Ginger" Ray, Mount Airy, is one of 33 new nurses to graduate from the School of Nursing General Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland on September 7. 8/25/67
- Gilman Williar will serve as Assistant Principal of Mount Airy Elementary School. A graduate of Carroll County Public Schools, he received his B.S. degree from Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts. He has taught in Carroll County and Baltimore City. For the past 3 years he has been director of the Outdoor School. 9/1/67
- Helene Johanson from Sweden is spending three weeks with the Richard White family as part of the IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) program. 9/1/67
- Oscar Baker and Jack Boone left National Airport Monday evening for Chicago to pick up a fire truck the government ordered for the National Bureau of Standards. They will tour the factory and then drive the truck back. Mr. Baker is Chief of the Fire Department at NBS and Mr. Boone is an inspector. 9/1/67
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kline announce the birth of their third daughter, Vickie Lind, on August 27. 9/8/67
- Prospect Methodist Church voted last Sunday to begin construction on their new educational building as soon as possible. William Stroh, architect, and Kenneth Boone, representative of Farmers and Mechanics Bank, were guests on hand to answer possible questions. 9/8/67
- Jerry Lowman has been named the new Pontiac dealer in Mount Airy. 9/8/67
- R. Delaine Hobbs, Jr. has been chosen to appear in the "Outstanding Civic Leaders of America." Hobbs has made significant contributions to Mount Airy for many years. 9/15/67

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- A majorette group is being formed, sponsored by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company. Many were present and measured for a professional type baton. Another meeting will be held on Tuesday for those who may have missed the first. 9/15/67
- The MAVFC announces the cancellation of two dinners (September 24 and November 19) due to lack of patronage. They have asked anyone who has comments (pro or con) to please write the fire company as they are at a loss to understand the decline of patrons. 9/15/67
- On September 17 Services of Mutual Appreciation and Goodwill will mark the end of a pastoral relationship for Messiah and Calvary Churches of the Woodbine Lutheran Parish. There will be a service at 10:30 A.M. at Calvary with a lunch to follow. The second will be at Messiah at 7:00 P.M. 9/15/67
- Gloria Clower has been granted a junior membership to the American Angus Association. This entitles the member to register purebred Angus at regular membership rates. 9/15/67
- Enrollment at Mount Airy Elementary now stands at 497. 9/22/67
- The Rev. Robert B. Pegram, Rector of the Holy Apostles which comprises St. James, Mount Airy and St. Pauls, Poplar Springs, is returning to his parish this week from Sidmoth, Devon, England where he has been serving for three years in an exchange with the Rev. R. Barrie Swift. 9/22/67
- On Tuesday the Mount Airy Lions entertained the faculty and staff of both Mount Airy schools. Guest speaker was Don Spatz from station WBAL in Baltimore. 9/29/67



This is the former home of Miss Bessie Davis house on South Main Street. The first telephone exchange in Mount Airy was located in this house. Is it historical?



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