

MUSEUM MEMOS

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The President's Pen

Mike Eacho

As many of you know, the Historical Society is upgrading its collection management system. This project involves the updating of the collection management software and the computer system that runs the software. Thanks to the help of a number of our members, the process is moving along quickly. The upgraded software has been purchased and received and the computer system upgrade, which will include the establishment of a museum network, is in progress. The goal is to have everything operational by the holidays. We are looking for volunteers with some computer skills who would be interested in data entry, archiving artifacts and photographs and filing. We are also looking for someone who would be interested in publishing the Historical Society's newsletter. Please contact me, or one of the other officers of the Historical Society if you would be interested. Training will be offered to anyone who is interested.

The annual Mount Airy Hall of Fame nomination process will start in October. Please give some thought to nominating a member of the Mount Airy Community who by work, service, volunteerism, word or deed, made the community a better place for everyone.

A nomination form is included with this newsletter.

As always we are still in need of volunteers to open the museum on Saturday afternoons. If you can help, please contact Ruth Ann Lowman. The museum can only stay open with your help. We are also in need of some volunteers to run a stand at the upcoming Mount Airy Fall Festival. If you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday or Sunday, please let us know.

Last, but not least, the Historical Society is having some 2016 calendars printed. The calendars will have photos of some of the historical buildings and short histories of the buildings. They will go on sale soon.

Welcome New Members

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

Fred and Doris Baker

Thanks

The Historical Society would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who donated photographs and artifacts. These items will go on display in the museum and help us to portray the history of Mount Airy and its people and businesses.

Richard M. Horn
(from Vermont)

Joan & Charles "Nip"
Burns

Ronnie & Oliver Davis

Carol Bowlus

The Family of
Marie Hood

Raymond Schlicht
(from Virginia)

Historical Society Upcoming Presentations

Historical presentations are planned for both the October and November meetings of the Mount Airy Historical Society. The presentation for October will be given by Ms. Peggy Fleming on the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mount Airy Fire Company. This year is the 75th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The presentation for November will be given by Mr. Ronnie Runkles on the Runkles Mill, which was located here in Mount Airy.

Please join us for these very informative presentations.

The Mount Airy Museum is open most Saturdays from 12 noon until 4pm. Come visit and enjoy photographs and other memorabilia from Mount Airy's past.

Horn Family Roots

Preface from Richard M. Horn of South Burlington, Vermont:

I once asked my father, Paul V. Horn, about his roots in Mount Airy, Maryland. Sometime before his death in 1985 he dictated the following and sent it to my wife Joan and me, his son, Richard Mather Horn.

Paul V. Horn Family Roots

Frankly I have always taken a rather dim view of the family tree bit. In any case if you go back far enough you are bound to find both good people and bad people. The tendency is to tell about the good and forget the bad.

I never knew very much about my ancestors. I understand that the name Horn came from an ancestor, British, who fought in the Battle of Waterloo. At that time the British spelling was Horne. After Waterloo he moved to Germany. As Germans pronounce all syllables, the "e" was dropped from the name.

I was next to the youngest of eleven children, one died as a baby, one died of appendicitis and nine grew to adulthood. Three of us are living (when this was dictated to my mother); Anna Lewis, two years older than I, and Adelaide Taylor and two years younger.

I did not know any of my grandparents except one, my grandmother on my mother's side, last name Dieter, who lived to be 95. She was Catholic, good friend of Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore, rather wealthy, and sweet as she could be. I think that all my grandparents were born in Germany, Bavaria. Both my parents were born in the U.S.A. Germantown, Maryland.

My father, Ernest B. Horn, was a wholesale stationer in Baltimore. He contracted Malaria, moved to Mt. Airy, Maryland's higher altitude. Most of my brothers and sisters were born in Germantown, I think, just outside Baltimore. Adelaide and I were born in Mt. Airy.

My father operated a hotel and race track in Mt. Airy. The hotel burned down while my mother was carrying me. My father built another big house (13 rooms) on the site of the hotel. He was considered to be a "gentleman farmer". It was a beautiful site, but a hilly, lousy farm. My father died when I was 16 and I farmed the place. Mother moved to Baltimore. Later when Adelaide was married, she lived with her.



Ernest B. Horn



Paul V. Horn

All of us children were brought up Catholic, as mother was Catholic. I changed my religion when I got married. My father was Episcopalian. We sold the farm about 3 years after my father died.

As far as I know, none of my sisters or brothers were interested in writing up a genealogy. All I knew about my family, which wasn't much, came down by word of mouth. As far as I know there were no horse thieves or such in the family, and I wouldn't tell you if I knew there were.

One of my relatives, Lewis Dielman, was an artist, who did the murals on the stairways in the Library of Congress. Adelaide was very attached to him and his wife.

My grandmother was really sweet and trusting. Her son-in-law, a sporty Baltimore real estate agent, ran through her money.

Most of our relatives, from as far west as Ohio, used to spend part of the summer with us in Mt. Airy.

Two of my father's brothers, William and Fred, were very successful general importers in New York City. They lived in the Oranges, New Jersey. Their place of business was 200 Fifth Ave. N. Y.C.

These are names of my father's brothers and sisters that I recall: Emma, Annie, Rosa, William, Frederick. Rosa's husband Dr. Christian Sihler, started a mental hospital in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, which was very successful and is still managed by cousins. It is called the Windsor Sanitarium, a big operation now. Annie's daughter, Rosa, had a husband, last name, Doerman, who was a minister in Washington, D. C.

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Horn Family Roots (Continued)

My sister Anna's husband, Dr. Nolan Lewis, who is about 90 now, and with whom I correspond, was former director of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C. Then he was director of N. Y. Neurological Institute and afterwards the director of N.Y. Psychiatric Institute. He was somewhat a pioneer psychiatrist, author of many books and monographs and he was Psychiatrist at the Nuremberg Trials.

Sister Emma's husband, Dr. Winterode, was founder of Crownsville State Hospital, Maryland, which has grown very large.

Brother Will, started off as a hotel clerk in Norfolk, VA., home of Garrett & Co. Winery, in which he became a director and was very successful.

I earned a B.S. at University of Maryland, an M.S. at Cornell University and a PhD at Syracuse University. I was an Instructor at Cornell I for 2 years, Prof. at Syracuse University 5 years and a Prof. at N. Y. University for 36 years. I was Consultant, Honorary, to numerous business organizations including the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, International Chamber of Commerce, National Foreign Council, National Industrial Conference Board all of which are still going. I was author of "American Business Practices", "Latin American Trade and Economics", and "International Trade Principals and Practices" which went through 22 printings and was sold in the U.S. as well as several foreign countries. All of these were supposed to carry honor but never paid very much! The University demanded recognition in the field.

I worked my way through college, including milking Mrs. Gilbert's cow, table waiting, dorm proctor, and assistant to J. D. S. Norton, a prominent pathologist. In the better job the state he paid me 12.5 cents per hour. I didn't do too well, but hell, I tried the best I could.

Starting salary when first married, at Syracuse University was \$1,800 per year. Teachers were paid more poorly then than now.

I was Drum Major of the University of Maryland marching band at Woodrow Wilson's inaugural parade.

Thanks to Our Local Supporters

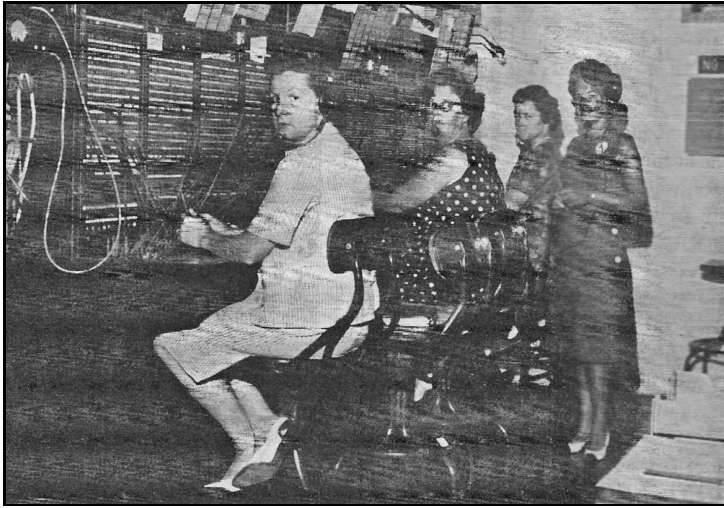
The Historical Society of Mount Airy, Maryland would again like to extend its thaks to the businesses and organizations, listed below, that advertised in our Hall of Fame Ceremony program and donated flowers, plaques, pins, and services. The support of these businesses and organizations helps the Historical Society to fund the Hall of Fame Banquet and many of our normal operating expenses. Please patronize these businesses whenever you can.

4 County Lions	Blade Busters
Blossom & Basket Boutique	Brick Ridge
Browning Reagle Insurance Agency	Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.
Catonsville Homes	CBI Development Group
Century Ford, Dodge, Chrysler & Jeep	Copper Jack
Damascus Community Bank	Dertzbaugh Construction, Inc.
Health Unlimited Family Fitness and Aquatic Center	Jeff Barnes Chevrolet, Inc.
Jerry's Trophies, LLC	Kerry Mandrick – Long & Foster Realtors
Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy	Lindquist Insurance / Sherman – Emerson Insurance
Mary Houshar, Realtor Long and Foster	Mount Airy Ace Hardware
Mount Airy Lions Club	New Windsor State Bank
New York J&P Pizza	Paul Clay Real Estate Consultant RE/MAX Realty Plus
Point to Point Land Surveyors	Rotary Club of Mount Airy
Steve Jackson Real Estate Teams, LLC	Team Bonnie & Maureen RE/MAX
T.E.M Trucking, Inc.	The Mount Airy Inn
Tim Barkley Law Offices	Van Mar Associates, Inc.
Wagner Meats / Mt. Airy Locker Co.	

The Historical Society of Mount Airy meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Meetings are in the lower level of the Mount Airy Fire Company unless otherwise announced. Hope we see you there.

Editor's Note: The following stories and advertisement appeared in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, September 17, 1965.

Open House At Telephone Office September 20-21



Operating the switchboard in its final days – from left, Mrs. Shirley Dubel, Mrs. Thelma Straw, Mrs. Mary Lou Hessinger and standing, Mrs. Jean King, chief operator.

Mrs. Aubrey G. King, chief operator for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Mt. Airy, has announced that she will hold an "open house" Monday and Tuesday, September 20 and 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the old telephone office on South Main street.

With the dial conversion scheduled for September 26, the switchboards will soon be closed down. Mrs. King wishes to offer this final opportunity to the Mt. Airy subscribers to visit with the operators and take one last nostalgic look at an era almost completely past in Maryland.

Mrs. King said those attending would have an opportunity to see how calls are manually handled and would have an opportunity to ask questions concerning the conversion from manual to dial operation.

COUNTRY INN
2 miles north of Mt. Airy on Route 27

SPECIAL — Saturday, September 18, 1965
11:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.

STEAK
Candied Sweet Potatoes, Fresh Green Lima Beans
\$1.00 Bread and Butter **\$1.00**

FOR CARRY OUT ORDERS, CALL MT. AIRY 696

**Smith's Grocery
Observing Its
44th Year Here**

**Carl W. (Teen) Smith Now Operates
Establishment Conducted By His Father
44 Years Ago At Same Location**

Smith's Grocery, one of Mount Airy's venerable business establishments, is observing a special occasion this week in the commemoration of the 44th year of operation at the same location.

Although operated at first by another proprietorship, the business came into the hands of the Smith n family when the father of the present owner took charge of the grocery from its founders. Then in 1935 the f present owner, Carl W. (Teen) Smith, a son of the former owner, and a partner, formed the business firm of Smith and Wagner, which continued in operation under this name until 1951. In that year "Teen" took over the sole proprietorship of the business and has continued to operate it ever since as a modern, high-class grocery establishment.

In a special advertisement on another page Mr. Smith calls attention to some of the specials he is promoting for this Friday and Saturday in honor of the event.

44th Anniversary Sale
FRIDAY & SATURDAY

We offer the following items in observance of our 44 years in business
at the same location here in Mount Airy

Groceries

Sugar _____ 5 lbs. 49c	Pet Milk _____ 6 for 87c
Bread _____ 5c off on all sizes	Dole Pineapple Juice _____ 29c can
Kounty Kist Peas _____ 2 for 29c	Musselman Applesauce 2 for 27c
Filberts Salad Dressing _____ 29c pt.	Dairy Maid Milk _____ 2 1/2-gal. 85c
75-foot Reynolds Wrap _____ 63c	New Potatoes _____ 20 lbs. 69c

Meats

Cooper Sharp Cheese _____ 69c lb.	Esskay Sweetkorn Bacon 75c lb.
Esskay fully cooked Ham 65c lb.	Esskay Lean Ground Beef 59c lb.

- Featured Specials -

FREE CAN CHOCOLATE SYRUP with each 1/2-gal. Hershey's Ice
2 \$10.00 Baskets Groceries FREE Cream 99c

SMITH'S GROCERY
FREE DAILY DELIVERY

Main StreetMount AiryPhone 10-J

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Althea Miller

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the April through July of 1965 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.

- At a special meeting of the Carroll County Board of Education held recently bids were opened and considered for the site preparation for the proposed new consolidated high school at Winfield. (4/2/64)
- Rosalie Schmidt was married to William Thomas Robbins at Ridgeville Methodist Church on March 27. (4/2/65)
- Three county-wide music programs are coming up: All County Orchestra, Band and Song Flutes on April 3 at Westminster High School. On Friday, April 23 will be the thirty-eighth Annual Eisteddfod (music festival). Saturday, May 8 is All County Band Day. Each band will present 15 minute concerts. (4/2/65)
- Jimmy Miller and Linda Fogle were crowned King and Queen of the Annual Sports Carnival on March 26. Elaine Yohn was general chairman of the carnival. Other members of the GAA served as committee chairs including: Jenny Bowlus, Carol Colburn, Helen Guy, Peggy Davis, Marie Poole, Linda Farver, Gloria Gardner, Diann Main, Ann Marie Buckley, Sandy Cullison and Linda Fogle. Janice Leatherwood is faculty advisor to the GAA. (4/2/65)
- Kenneth Harshman of Jones Motors, Inc. won an all- expense paid trip to Rome for his outstanding record in car and truck sales. (4/9/65)
- The theme of Wednesday's meeting of the Kiwanis Club was "Your Town Council Speaks." Mayor VanPoole and council members Harry Clower, Leonard Sherman, Herman Beck, Jr. and Paul Beall. Each spoke briefly on various aspects of town government. (4/9/65)
- Beta Sigma Phi will install a slate of officers at their next meeting at the home of Mrs. John Walls. Those to be inducted are: President-Mrs. John Wilson, Vice President-Mrs. Dave Van Gosen, Secretary-Mrs. Dick True, Treasurer-Mrs. Harry Nikirk, Corresponding Secretary-Mrs. Joan Lease. Mrs. Frank Horpel will continue will continue as director/sponsor. (4/16/65)
- The library fund for the new library is approaching \$900. This is due to the generosity of residents and friends of Mount Airy (4/16/65)
- On April 14, 15 and 16 members of Girl Scout Troop 279 had a camp out at Camp Illchester in Howard County. The leaders were: Mrs. Jean Culwell and Mrs. Joan Burns. Scouts participating were: Belinda Teague, Cheryl Anders, Diane Muller, Melody Badger, Kristi Burns, Kaye Smith, Debbie Barre, Wendy Burns, Kathy Culwell, Marcie Burns and Joyce Gosnell. (4/30/65)
- Ronald Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw was runner-up in the Carroll County Spelling Bee. He will be one of the contestants to represent the county in the state contest on May 8. (5/7/65)
- The Mount Airy Community Library (third floor of the Flat Iron Building) will be officially opened to the people of the community on Friday, May 21 at 8:10 P.M. immediately following the regular Friday night merchants lucky drawing. After the grand opening library hours will be: Mondays—2:00-5:00 P.M.; Wednesdays—9:00-12:00; Fridays 6:00-9:00 and Saturdays 9:00-12:00. (5/7/65)
- The theme of the Junior-Senior Prom was "Roman Holiday." A highlight of the evening was the crowning of Harry Frizzel and Jean Rhinecker as King and Queen. Chairman of the prom was Cheri Harrison. (5/14/65)
- Gold Star Unit has named the recipients of girls' state recognition. The purpose is to provide citizenship training for outstanding girls. This year's recipients are: Mary Lou Lowman (South Carroll), Bertha Reese (Linganore) and Linda Farver (South Carroll) being sponsored by the Taylorsville Lions Club. (5/14/65)

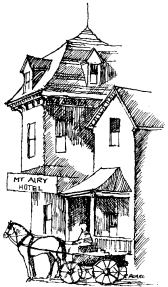
Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Mother-Daughter for the Ridgeville-Howard Chapel charge will be held on May 22. The theme will be Buttons and Bows. Prizes will be awarded to those with the largest or most unusual bow. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children. (5/14/65)
- The library fund soared to \$1825 in a local drive. Contributions are still being accepted. (5/21/65)
- The mayor and Council have been receiving numerous complaints from residents plagued by the overflowing cesspools of neighbors. A number of cases of wash water being turned into the street instead of septic tanks. Another complaint was about the stench of overflowing cesspools saying they had to keep windows closed on hot nights. It was decided if residents did not forgo these “medieval” conditions all legal means will be taken. If violations continue installation of a municipal sewage system will be reconsidered. (5/21/65)
- Over 130 books were checked out after the grand opening of the new library. The MAHS 75 piece band under the direction of Frank Miller set the tone for the memorable evening. (5/21/65)
- After the “first call” by a trumpeter Maryland my Maryland was among other numbers played. Master of Ceremonies was former Mayor Frank Horpel. It was announced by Andrew Mason the \$2250 has been contributed to the Library Fund to date. (5/28/65)
- The Fifth Annual Diamond Jubilee dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club will be held June 9 at the Activities Building, (5/28/65)
- Twenty scouts from Troop 460 were among 1200 scouts who participated in the annual Camporee held at Emerald Valley west of Eldersburg. The senior patrol leaders were John Simpson and Tom Muller. Scouts attending were: Bear Patrol Jim Smith, Larry Grimes, Doug Alexander, Gary Merritt, John Merritt, Ralph Holweck and Jim Moxley. Eagle Patrol Craig Edwards, Mike Burdette, David Flora, Mike Schlotterbeck and Mark Dorsey. Wolf Patrol Downey Henley, John Dertzbaugh, Lee VanSant, Mike Nell, Charles Creager. (6/4/65)
- The 43rd Annual Lions Convention was held in Atlantic City. Attending from Mount Airy were Murray Ryan and his wife, Paul Lowman and wife, Leonard Sherman and wife, Herman S. Beck, Jr. and wife, Dr. Emmett Full and wife, Carroll Robinson and wife, Francis Crawford and wife, Charles Gendell and Joseph Gosnell. (6/4/65)
- The Lions Club carnival begins Monday, June 14. On Wednesday night there will be a talent show. If you are interested in participating contact Dr. Full at 303. (6/11/65)
- Mount Airy’s new Automatic Telephone Exchange Building was dedicated on Friday, June 11. The new system will be in operation at 12:05 A.M. (6/11/65)
- Miss Mary Lynn Myers was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in Commencement Exercises at the University of Maryland. (6/18/65)
- The Mobile X-Ray Unit of the Carroll County Tuberculosis Association will be in Mount Airy on July 15 from 11:00 to 4:00 opposite the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank. It will be in Parrsville from 4:30 to 6:00. There were 19 cases of TB in Carroll County from June 1, 1963 to December 31, 1964. There were two deaths in 1964. (6/18/65)
- Seventy-two students of MAHS have been honored for Scholastic Achievement on the final grades in all subjects, according to Chester Elder, principal. Four girls had straight A’s for their final grades which earned them the Distinction status: Virginia Boone, Gloria Clower, Jenny Bowlus and Susan Hilbinger. (6/18/65)

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- The MAHS Alumni Association had its' annual banquet recently at the Fireman's Activity Building. The president, Mrs. Bonnie Winkler, conducted the business meeting. The class of 1965 was introduced by class president, Jim Molesworth. Three generations of graduates were introduced: Mrs. Elizabeth Molesworth, 1920, son Harold Molesworth, 1941, grandson Jim Molesworth, 1965; Mrs. Mary Browning, 1920, Robert Browning, 1941, and granddaughter, Barbara Browning, 1965. (6/25/65)
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Hardy, Long Corner, announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to Carlton Dixon, Long Corner. Miss Hardy is a 1964 graduate of Glenelg and Mr. Dixon is a 1963 graduate of the same school. (7/2/65)
- The South Carroll Citizen's Group and the Mount Airy Citizens League in a joint meeting on June 28 gave unanimous support to a proposal to appeal the decision of Judge E.O. Weant in rejecting their petition for an injunction against the Carroll County Board of Education. The next meeting of the two groups will be July 12 at 8:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Eldersburg. (7/9/65)
- Driver Education classes at MAHS began recently under the instruction of Basil Eavey. A class of 43 students met to learn the proper techniques of safe driving. (7/9/65)
- Charles Franklin Beck III was baptized recently at Brick Pipe Creek Methodist Church, Wakefield Valley by Rev. O.F Kibbe. The church was founded by the late David Baile, the child's great-great grandfather. (7/16/65)
- The 38th Annual Carnival of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company will begin July 26. The fund raising event will feature rides, games, good food and entertainment for all. (7/16/65)
- The parade on Thursday night for the Fireman's Carnival will be led by Miss Sandra Linton. Following Miss Linton will be the MAHS band and it will be followed by state, county and local officials. Other bands will be the Starlighters and the Middletown High School band. (7/23/65)
- Miss Karen White, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard White was awarded top honors at the county Dress Revue. She received both the Senior Champion ribbon and the "Clothing Award" for having received the greatest number of ribbons in the clothing division of the 4-H Fair. Next she will model this dress at the state Style Review with similar county winners from across the state. (7/23/65)
- This evening, July 30, there will be a country auction held by the Mount Airy Fire Company in connection with their annual carnival. The place will be on the carnival grounds. (7/30/65)

At the July 12 Board of Education the appointments of interest locally are: John Devault to become Asst. Principal of Westminster Junior High School, William Ecker to become principal of Sykesville Elementary and to share his time as guidance counselor at Sykesville High School and coordinator of physical education and athletics at the high school. Donald Reck and Jim Young to become part-time Assistant Principals at North Carroll High School. Phil Lawyer was named principal of Mechanicsville Elementary School. (7/30/65)



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