



MUSEUM MEMOS

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The President's Pen

Mike Eacho

Once again, I would like to thank the people who help keep the Historical Society operating and who keep the Mount Airy Museum. If it were not for their volunteer efforts we could not preserve and share the wonderful history of our town, Mount Airy. Thanks you all so much for all your efforts.

We need more volunteers. We are only asking for a couple of hours every week. The few folks who do volunteer are putting out a tremendous effort to put on our fundraising events such as the Hall of Fame Banquet and Ceremony, the Boxes and Bags Bingo and the Ghost Tours. These hard-working people also arrange historical presentations at our monthly meetings, arrange for speakers and venues for History 101, prepare our quarterly newsletter, plan and prepare museum exhibits, preserve historic artifacts and photos and open the museum for visitors interested in the town's history.

Many more volunteers are needed to continue this work. So, we are once again appealing to our members and people from the area to help us out for a couple of hours.

Mark Your Calendars

- Christmas Open House at 17 Paradise – Sunday, December 8, 2024, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Boxes and Bags Bingo – Saturday, February 8, 2025 at the MAVFC Reception Hall.
- The Annual Mount Airy Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony – Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the American Legion Gold Post 191. The Class of 2025, to be honored at the event.

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.

- Frank & Denise Dertzbaugh
- Kari Kelly
- Ray & Jennifer Molesorth
- All our kind visitors who dropped money in our donation box

Welcome New Members

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

- Allison Davis
- Bill & Glee Butts
- Kari Kelly
- Ellis Remsberg

We would also like to extend a welcome to the following new life members:

- Frank & Denise Dertzbaugh
- John & Jan Dertzbaugh
- Bill Miler
- Bob Miller

We now have 143 members. Of those 41 are Life Members.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the 2025 Mount Airy Hall of Fame are now being accepted.

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

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

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

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

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2024

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

Discover the History of Mount Airy!

Visit the Mount Airy Museum in the historic Mount Airy Station located at 1 North Main Street.

Open Saturdays and Sundays noon until 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Preservation Projects Need Funding

The Historical Society of Mount Airy is looking for sources of funding for several historical restoration projects that it hopes to undertake in the near future including repairs to the Historic Mount Airy Train Station, renovation of the original twin arch viaduct located on E. Ridgeville Blvd. between Plane No. 1 and Plane No.2 of the first B&O Railroad line, and the renovation of the Historic Flat Iron Building on Main Street. These structures relate to Mount Airy's history from its earliest days back in the early 1830's all the way through to its present. If your company or the company you work for offers grants or matching donations for charitable organizations, please consider donating or having your company donate to the Historical Society so we can undertake these restoration projects to help preserve the terrific history of our town, Mount Airy. Thank you!



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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 2024 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 local businesses, which contribute so much to the Historical Society and to our great community.

Mount Airy Hall of Fame Supporters

- 17 Paradise Bed & Breakfast
- ACNB Bank
- American Legion Post 191
- Auxiliary to the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Co.
- Blade Busters Lawn Cutting, Firewood, Snow Removal
- Blossom & Basket Boutique
- Browning Reagle Insurance Agency
- Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.
- Dertzbaugh Construction, Inc.
- Electrical Solutions - Michael Dixon
- 4 County Lions
- George's Girls Jewelry & Repairs
- Health Unlimited Family Fitness and Aquatic Center
- Jerry's Trophies, LLC
- J & J Trash Service
- Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy
- Mary Hushour, Realtor Long & Foster
- MacKenzie A. Kantruss, Attorney at Law
- Mount Airy Ace Hardware
- Mount Airy Lions Club
- Paul Clay, Real Estate Consulting RE/MAX Realty Plus
- Rotary Club of Mount Airy
- SK Printing
- Tabler's Auto Clinic
- Team Bonnie and Maureen - RE/MAX Realty Plus
- The Plumbery Home Center
- Tim Barkley, Attorney
- Wagner Meats / Mt. Airy Locker Co.
- WRF & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Editor's Note: The following stories were published in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, August 11 and 25, 1944. During World War II the Community Reporter frequently published stories about local men who were serving in the Armed Forces.

All In The Day's Work.

Gilbert is Wounded.

Mrs. Lewis Gilbert has received a telegram from Washington, indicating that her husband, Pvt. Lewis E. Gilbert, had been seriously wounded in action July 9 in France. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilbert, Ridgeville.

Smith Vacationing Here.

Private Carl AW. Teen Smith, who has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, is furloughing at his home here. He's the picture of perfect health.

Rice is Promoted.

Announcement of the promotion of Robert C. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Rice, Mt. Airy, from first lieutenant to captain is made by Major General Thomas J. Hanley, Jr., commanding the China-Burma-India Air Services Command. Capt. Rice has been with the armed forces since Dec. 1, 1942, and in the CBI theater for nine months.

Zeek Writes From Kansas

Hi Judge and Friends – Sometime since I wrote, but I've been kept pretty busy. Still hot as ever here in Kansas. Not much to write about; may be lucky enough to drop around Mt. Airy in a few weeks. Sure hope so. This is just to say hello to everyone, so will say so long for now. – Pfc. Seek Watkins, 33559338, Co. L, 324 Inf., Camp Phillip, Kansas

Brandenburg in Hawaii

Cpl. Leroy S. Brandenburg, son of Sellman Brandenburg, is now stationed in Hawaii with the Army Airways Communication System, working as a control tower announcer. In a recent letter he mentioned that he has been having some interesting experiences, seeing interesting places and recently saw the President in Honolulu. He receives his mail care of the Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

With the Soldiers

Pfc. Robert (Zeek) Watkins, who has been at Camp Phillips, Kansas, is now receiving his mail care of the Postmaster, New York.

Editor's Note: The following story was published in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, July 28, 1944. The farms in the area had a bumper crop of wheat in 1944.

Mill Full of Wheat

The Mt. Airy Milling Company, with all the wheat which can be accommodated, was able to buy another 4,500 bushels early in the week when the concern was authorized by the government to ship three cars of 1,500 bushels each to Baltimore.

Wanted

Old photographs, signs and other memorabilia of the people, places, businesses and events of Mount Airy, Maryland. Also wanted are photos, dishes, tools and other artifacts from the B&O Railroad, Pants Factory, Canning Factory and Garrett Sanitarium. Help us to bring our town's history to those who didn't help make it! Bring photos and artifacts to the Mount Airy Museum and share with us what you know about them.

Editor's Note: The following story was published in the Mount Airy Community Reporter on Friday, August 18, 1944. .


Food Locker Plant North of Mount Airy Promoter Promises Completion of the Facility in Couple of Months.

Ground was broken this week by R. Francis Sappington for construction of a building which will house a frozen food locker plant. This site was acquired from Real Estate and Improvement Co., of Baltimore, an affiliate of the B. & O. Railroad, and it is located along Ridge Road, immediately in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Tabler.

Sappington, native of Frederick county, and a Silver Spring builder and contractor, laid the ground work for his frozen food locker plant last spring, when he obtained no less than 300 prospective users of space. As the proposition has been poised throughout the neighborhood, the promoter has met with nothing but enthusiastic response from the purchasers of space and local business interests.

After inspecting the several sites available for the project, he finally chose the plot at the northernmost part of the municipality, between a plot owned by Harry Pickett and land of Albert S. Tabler. Sappington is of the opinion that he will be centrally located for his users from several communities.

He has been promised machinery and equipment which goes into the construction of the plant, and long since classed as critical materials, by War Production authorities in Washington. Actual construction of the plant, he intimated, is a relatively simple matter and should take no more than a couple of months. He is of the opinion that his storage facilities will be available to accommodate pork killed during the approaching fall season.



Victory Specials

The fighting fronts are calling for blood plasma now. Give your blood, so that blood plasma will be there. Make an appointment now. The Blood Bank comes to Mt. Airy Sept. 5. Be a blood donor!

Boscul Coffee, lb. jar .35c, lb. bag .32c; Vogt's Scrapple, jar .23c
Gold Medal Flour, 5-lb. bag .33c, 10-lb. bag .59c, 25-lb. bag \$1.39
MO-an-MO Pancake Flour, 16-oz. pkg. 5c; King Syrup, 2-lb. jar 17c
Pet Milk, tall cans .10c; Old Virginia Apple Butter, jar .21c
Pillsbury's Pancake Flour, 2 pkgs. 21c; Buckwheat Flour, 2 pkgs. 27c
Crisco, 1 lb. .26c, 3 lbs. .74c; Spry, 1 lb. .26c, 3 lbs. .74c
Van Camp's Tenderoni, pkg. .5c; Ritz Crackers, lb. pkg. .23c
Graham Wafers, lb. .21c; Schindler's Peanut Butter, lb. jar .27c
McCormick's Pure Mustard, 8-oz. jar .9c; Kix, 2 pkgs. .25c
Old Dutch Cleanser, 2 14-oz. cans .15c; Camay Soap, 3 bars .22c
Oxydol, lg. pkg. .23c; Ivory Soap, lg. .10c, med. .6c
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Local Lad Member of Famed Second Armored Division

Robert (Frog) Smith Has Been With "Hell On Wheels" Outfit in African, Normandy Actions

One of the first men inducted from this area was Robert (Frog) Smith, son of Tinner Walter Smith and Mrs. Maud Smith, this place. Frog has been with an armored outfit since he was shipped abroad two years ago. In fact, his unit, the Second Armored Division, has so distinguished itself that it has been named: "Hell on Wheels" by correspondents.

But let's read what Hal Boyle, newspaperman with the 2nd Armored Division, has to say about this unit which Mount Airy's Frog Smith has been with:

"The U. S. Army lifted a two-year veil of secrecy today (July 31) to honor the armored anvil on which General Bradley's forces have beaten to pieces thousands of Rommel's best fighting men – and the anvil is the fighting "Hell on Wheels" – the 2nd Armored Division.

"In announcing the presence in France of this world-renowned military outfit, the U. S. First Army released for publication for the first time the Division's combat record in this war.

"Since it made peacetime headlines under General Patton in maneuvers in Louisiana and the Carolinas there had been no official disclosure as to what use was being made of this 'steel showpiece' in the American military show window.

In First Invasion

"It can now be told for the first time that this best-trained Armored Division in history spearheaded the invasion of French Morocco and its three-day conquest in November, 1942, and just a year ago this month smashed across Sicily to cut the island in half and isolated and captured thousands of Italian and German prisoners.

"Most of the veterans of these two previous amphibious operations were still in the Division when General Bradley again took off the wraps and

sent it into battle with orders to crash through the 'unbreakable' German St. Lo-Lessay defense line,

"And they came through gloriously for the third time – just as they did in Morocco, just as they did at Palermo – and just as those 'Hell on Wheels' boys always do when the chips are down.

"The 2nd Armored Division has always had a tradition of fighting men and fighting men and fighting commanders since it was activated on July 15, 1940, at Fort Benning, Ga., one month after the fall of France, as one of the original Armored Divisions.

"When, as commander of the Western Task Force, General Patton called upon them to bolster the wreck strewn beaches of French Morocco, they stood true to their training. They landed at Port Lyautey, worked with the Navy dive bombers to knock out 24 of 32 attacking French tanks.

"The 2nd Armored Division didn't participate in the Tunisian Campaign as a unit but gave the 1st Armored Division a transfusion of 2,000 officers and men and scores of tanks as replacements for losses suffered by the First in the Kasserine Pass defeat.

"Hell on Wheels" tankmen stormed ashore July 10, 1943, at Licata and Gela, Sicily on invasion day, for its second amphibious landing in less than a year.

Crashed Through At St. Lo (France).

"Tanks of the Division were fueled and ready on the morning of July 25, 1944. After the Nazi position west of St. Lo had been dealt one of the heaviest bombardments in history by American planes, the Division cracked forward and breached the German line.

"They surged into battle with doughboys astride tanks and with special arrangements to break through the hedgerows. One column sliced through St. Gilles, seized and passed through flaming Canisy, went on to LeMesnil Herman and thrust down to Tessy sur Vire before pausing.

"I was with this spearheading force and saw it erect its mobile wall of steel to protect the American left flank. It pushed through regardless of casualties and met and rebuffed numerous trapped Nazi tanks as well as engaging the battered Second Panzer Division, brought hurriedly from the British front.

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“Some of the men I talked to and joked with in the hedgerows are dead now. One fine young Captain I knew was killed in a duel to the death with a German Tiger tank – but they live in the annals of their Division and glory of its achievement. In a single day one column from the 2nd took 1,500 prisoners.

Although this was the first major assignment in France, ‘Hell on Wheels’ is proud of the job it did early in the campaign. Tankers had a rush call to

backstop forces defending Carentan against an unexpected German attack. The Division sent over all the tanks it could rustle up and when the shooting stopped there were 800 dead Nazis and ‘Hell on Wheels’ tankmen reported back with 80 prisoners. ‘Too many prisoners,’ their commander told them with a grin, ‘I told you boys to stay in their and slug it out.’”

Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago

Compiled by Mary Lynn Myers Kuhn

The information for these Historical Memories was compiled from articles in the July, August, and September, 1974 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 American Legion Gold Star Post 191, Mount Airy, has an all-time high of 273 members. A joint installation of officers will be held. Thomas (Crow) Wagner is chosen president and Maxine Healey heads the auxiliary. Allen Brown and the “Wishing Well” will play for dancing following the installation and buffet. 7/5/74
- Dr. Henry P. Laughlin, internationally distinguished psychiatrist and psychoanalyst has received an impressive recognition from the American College of Psychanalysts. He received acknowledgement of his leadership and service as the Founder, 1950 – 1969, and as the first president of the College, 1969 – 1972. Beside authoring a number of books, he has been a visiting professor of psychiatry at 16 medical centers around the world. Dr. and Mrs. Laughlin have been residents of the area since moving to their farm on Talbot Run Road from Chevy Chase some years ago. They have both been active in community affairs in Frederick County. 7/5/74
- Miss Susan Burrier was surprised at a bridal shower on June 26th hosted by Elizabeth Ann Harne at Hunting Hill Farm. Susan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Burrier of Middletown, will be married to George F. Harne, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Harne, Sr. 7/5/74
- Clerk typist positions are available at South Carroll High School – 10 months employment following normal school year with annual salary ranging from \$3,328.⁰⁰ to \$3,375.⁰⁰ depending on experience. 7/5/74
- Barbara Norwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Norwood, recently spent a week in the Junior High Session of the Tidewater Music Festival held at St. Mary’s College of Maryland. While there, Barbara studied Music Theory II, attended Master class in flute, and was a member of the Wind Ensemble. An 8th grader at Mt. Airy Middle School, Barbara is a member of the band and has been a member of the All-County Middle School Band for the past two years. 7/12/74
- The Mt. Airy Sparklers Majorette and Drum Corps has won ten awards in ten parades. The trophies are on display in the window of Griffith Consumers on Main Street. The local group is to be congratulated for bringing back two awards from a parade in Leesburg, Va., travelling 50 miles each way. There were 96 units in that parade and the route was three miles long. In addition they were competing with the Virginia State Champion Majorettes. 7/12/74
- Every Wednesday and Thursday night at Bill Selway’s Carriage House, Rt. 26 and Klee Mill Road, all the Crabs you can eat - \$4.75 per person 7/12/74

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- A Mount Airy couple feted recently on their 50th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hoade were married in Philadelphia, PA. on June 18th, 1924 and have resided in Mount Airy for the past 33 years. The surprise affair was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law and their five children, Kristi, Marie, Wendi, Lori and Jill. Music was provided by Jack Steele on the organ. 7/12/74
- Many matters get attention of school board – retired personnel given recognition for the many years of service to the County Public School system included Mrs. Mildred Harris, 35 years; Mrs. Leona Pickett, 32 years; Mrs. Arlene Runkles, 25 years; Mrs. Dorothy Lowman, 30 years; Mrs. Laura day, 33 years; Melvin Dowery, 29 years; Mrs. Justin Thomas, 30 years; Mrs. Edna Reck, 28 years to name a few. 7/19/74
- Cadet Ralph D. Holweck, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holweck, Woodsboro, formerly of Mount Airy, graduated June 5th (1974) from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. A 1970 graduate of South Carroll High School, Cadet Holweck received a Bachelor of Science degree and his commission as a field artillery second lieutenant. 7/26/74
- Holly Moxley was crowned “Miss Mount Airy Fire Prevention” at the Mount Airy Fireman’s Carnival Grounds July 20 (1974). She is a 1973 graduate of South Carroll and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harford Moxley. She works at Heads Up Hair Fashion. Mary Ann Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons was 1st runner-up and Vicki Grimm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grimm was second runner-up. 7/26/74
- Announcement – Watch for the opening of Swiger Brothers Home Center 7/26/74
- Detective Lieutenant Joie A. Talley, Baltimore City Police Department, graduated from the 97th Session of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia. While there, he maintained an A average and qualified as “expert” on the firearms range. He has been in the Baltimore County Police Department for nine years and has served in the Patrol Division, Police Academy Staff, Vice Squad and is presently in charge of the Police Community Relations Division. 7/26/74
- John Henry Brown observed his 83rd birthday with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren present. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married July 24, 1919 at McKendree Parsonage in Howard County. The Browns have three children – Mrs. Grace Harrison, John E. Brown and Mrs. Dorothy Wagner. Mr. Brown was born in 1891 at Hoods Mill. He was inducted in the Army in WWI in 1918, saw service with the 31st Division and was honorably discharged April 7, 1919. He participates in the American Legion and seldom misses a Saturday dance! He is known far and wide as a master machinist and also as a fixer and tool and appliance maker. 7/26/74
- Mr. and Mrs. James Thren, Duraclean of D&J, 826 S. Main Street, Mount Airy, have been presented with a national award in recognition of their outstanding contribution in the franchising industry. The award recognizes the unique contributions made to demonstrate that a home owned and operated business can succeed in an economy increasingly dominated by large corporations. They have had their Duraclean dealership since 1967. 7/26/74
- News of Servicemen from the area:
 - Naval Aviator – Navy Lieutenant James Hine whose wife Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McPherson of Rt. 4, Mount Airy, was designated a Naval Aviator and received his “Wings of Gold”. 8/2/74
 - Navy Airman Robert Grauel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grauel of Woodbine, completed Photographers Mate School in Pensacola, Fla. Navy Photographers work at shore stations, aboard ships and in aircraft to produce photography used in Naval Intelligence, operations and public affairs efforts. 8/2/74
- The Carrol County Commissioners are buying the Gue Building on Main Street to become the site of the new library. The purchase price finally agreed to is \$35,000.⁰⁰ 8/2/74

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- Mayor Dixon reports that the newly formed Jaycees will be carrying out a program to change the house numbering system in town and to inform residents of their official house number. This will help emergency equipment quickly respond when needed. The new system has been prepared by several Mt. Airy Volunteer Firemen and especially Granville Albright, Larry Esworthy and William Wagner, Jr. 8/9/74
 - Cadet Daniel Winkler, Jr. has learned the fundamentals of military leadership at Fort Riley, Kansas. Cadet Winkler a student at Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon completion of the program 8/9/74
 - Recently the following Girl Scout and Brownies from the area attended day camp for two weeks at Pinecliff Park in Frederick: Janet Angel, Beth Cheseldine, May Beth Queen, Sheila Kraft, Cherri McConnell, Karen Rothgeb and Diane Tilderman, all from Brownie Troop 1281; Brenda Angel from Junior Troop 279; and Melanie Green from Cadet Troop 970 8/9/74
 - Richard Norwood participated in a music program at West Virginia University. This was his second year as a participant. A senior at South Carroll High School, Richard plans to attend college after graduation majoring in music with a concentration in saxophone. 8/9/74
 - South Carroll Cavaliers and Band is Rehearsing – 96 marching players and 40 band front members will make up the competition band. 8/9/74
 - Bob Shaw looks forward to the 1974 football season. The senior letterman is among a group of 103 Harvard football players to play in Crimson's 1974 pre-season camp in Cambridge. Shaw, a graduate of South Carroll High School is majoring in history at Harvard. His twin brother, Ron, rows on the heavyweight crew at Harvard. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Shaw. 8/9/74
 - Liganore High School to expand Job Training Program this fall. Senior students spend one-half day in school and the other half working in the community. Some Mount Airy businesses that have cooperated with the program are Foodland, Maryland National Bank, Swiger Bros. and Four County Exxon. Randy Gibson was one of the sixty students receiving on the job training. He was employed by Stan's Mobil Service. 8/16/74
 - Donald A. Dods has a fellowship grant to Johns Hopkins Physics Laboratory to pursue studies of information processing. Allocation of professional resumes has long been a problem not only in medicine, but in science, education and industry. A graduate of Long Island University, Mr. Dods holds a B. A. in Business Administration (1964). He lives with his wife and children in Mount Airy. 8/23/74
 - Marijuana was found on two men on Main Street last week after being stopped for a routine traffic warning. A search of the vehicle led to additional marijuana, two pipes and unknown capsules. Many complaints have been received recently indicating much turmoil on Main Street after businesses are closed including throwing of trash and bottles, spinning of wheels and some cases of breaking and entering. 8/23/74
- Arnold L. Hayes has been appointed as principal of Mt. Airy Elementary School. Mr. Hayes has been a principal in the Carroll County school system for fourteen years, serving at Freedom District Elementary School and Hampstead Elementary School. 8/30/74
- Mount Airy Planning and Zoning Commission turned down a request for redistricting from residential to business of a property owned by Mrs. Linda Hahn located at 904 S. Main Street. The Hahn property was being considered by the Mount Airy Building Association for a new location. The legal criteria for granting a zoning change had not been met. At the same meeting, however, preliminary plans by Harry Franklin for construction of four 2-family dwellings on the property previously owned by Dr. Van Poole was approved. However, the moratorium on building must be lifted before that action is taken. 8/30/74

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Historical Memories from Fifty Years Ago (Continued)

- New school term gets under way at South Carroll with 1700 students and 84 staff members gathering for an opening day assembly. The principal, Chester Elder, extended a cordial welcome for the 1974-1975 school year. 9/6/74
- Troop 460 Boy Scouts of America sponsored by Calvary Methodist Church returned after a week at Broad Creek Scout Reservation. Francis Avery, Scoutmaster, and Joseph Stevens, Assistant Scoutmaster, leaders of the troop while at camp advised that 21 Scouts earned skill awards, merit badges and advancement in rank. Four troop members received the Order of the Arrow – David Burdette, Bill Miller, Danny Flora and Leigh Shook. Troop 460 was one of 350 units camping at the 2400 acre reservation near Whitford, Md. 9/6/74
- Three comedies are to be presented by the Mt. Airy Players: Jack Steele will direct three one-act comedies – Nobody Sleeps – The Day After Forever – and The Mice Have Been Drinking Again, which will be presented November 8th and 9th. 9/6/74
- The six surviving children of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Day met recently for a weekend reunion. These six sons and daughters were born and grew up on a farm on Penn Shop Road. The six siblings range in age from 75-88 years. They are: Mrs. Walter Spurrier, Jesse D. Day, Mrs. James Molesworth, Mrs. C.K. Wheeler, Wilson Day and Mrs. Norma Murray. The original homestead still stands. 9/6/74
- At the September 9th meeting of the Town Council there was continued discussion about loitering and vandalism on downtown streets. Delaine Hobbs indicated his place of business has been a target and a stone was thrown through his studio window and a sign broken. Kenneth Burdette stated a storm door on his insurance office was broken. The possibility of drawing up a town ordinance preventing loitering or initiating a curfew or having a deputy sheriff patrol the town was discussed. 9-13-74
- The Mount Airy Izaak Walton Gun Club will observe National Hunting and Fishing Day on September 28th. Many events are planned. The club now has 10 official trap fields where it conducts regular trapshoots. A pistol and rifle range are also available. The president of the club is Lowell Haines of Woodbine. Sterling King of Clarksburg is vice president and, Lenny Yox of Winfield is secretary. The treasurer is Teddy Webb, of Mount Airy 9/20/74
- Rick Hood has been appointed as a delegate to the Governor's Youth Advisory Council. In 1973 the council supported legislation creating student positions on boards of education. Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hood and is an honor roll student at South Carroll High School. 9/27/74
- A public hearing was held to amend the town charter and enlarge the boundaries of the town but very few residents attended or expressed any comments favorably or unfavorably. The tract of land is owned jointly by Les Rigler, Harold Skidmore and Bernard Young. Future development of the land as indicated by the developers includes a number of town houses and also single family dwellings and possibly a 3 acre lake and a park. 9/27/74



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