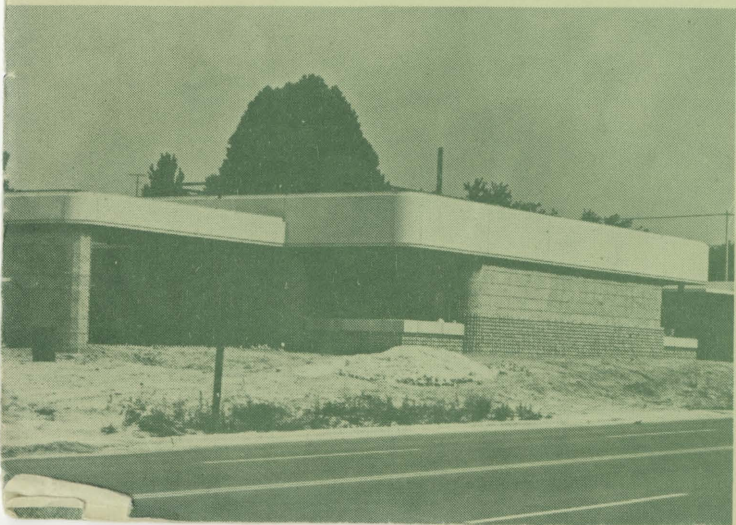
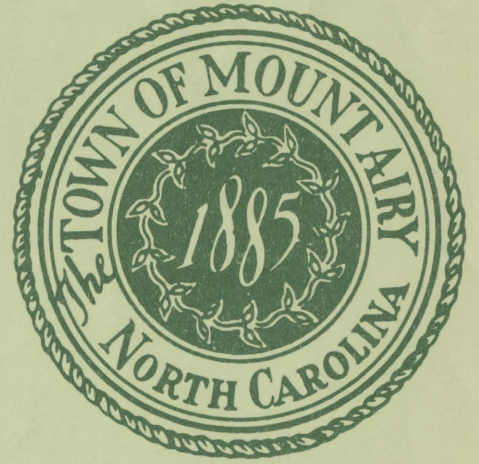


Mount Airy -- Alive & Growing

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Dawn to dawn a lifetime
The birds sing and day's begun
The heavens shine from dawn to dusk
With golden rays of sun.
People on their way
Beginning a brand new day
All over hearing people say,
"It's a beautiful day today."

People in the streets
Rushing everywhere,
Moving fast, and now I know
They've got to get somewhere.
People on their way
Beginning a brand new day.
All over hearing people say,
"It's a beautiful day today."

Bob Mosley (Moby Grape)

alive \ə-ˈlɪv\ 1: having life: not dead or inanimate 2: still in existence, force or operation: ACTIVE.

growing \ˈgrō -ɪŋ\ 1: to spring up and develop to maturity 2: to come into existence.

Mount Airy...

Mount Airy is a small town with a past and a future. In less than one hundred years, the town has grown from a stage stop to a vital community touching the lives of an estimated 50,000 area residents.

To fully mature as a successful democracy, the people of the town must be ALERT, CONSCIOUS, and AWARE. Thus equipped, they are capable of self-government and its responsibilities.

New businesses and industries . . . new neighbors and neighborhoods . . . rebirth of the Theatre Arts and cultural development . . . updated educational techniques and facilities . . . these signify life in our community.

Mount Airy IS alive and growing.



Industry

Industrial growth for the town has averaged more than \$2 million per year over the past eight years. The industrial payroll is in excess of \$50 million and retail sales for the town are in excess of \$81 million annually.

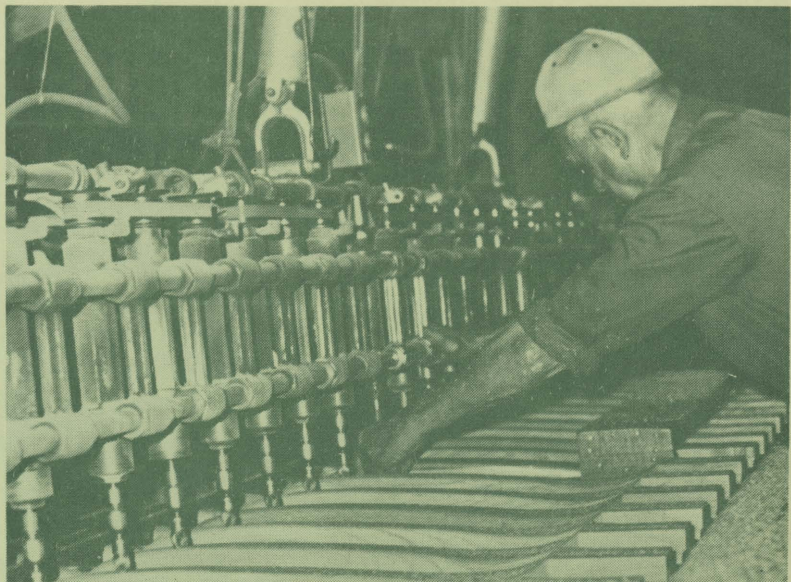
Mount Airy had more prospects for new industries during the past year than ever before. The labor force increased by 500 and the payroll increased by \$2½ million.

Most people don't realize how difficult it is to get new industry . . . all the parts must fit together. Major considerations include labor availability, land, building facilities, rail and air transportation, and water and sewer facilities.

One of the major attractions is the small town as opposed to the large cities, as more industries have shown a preference to small communities. Additionally, the temperate climate near the mountains and the proximity to larger cities are assets.

In 1964, Industrial Park was begun by the Mount Airy Development Co., and already it has six industries of which most have expanded and most of the land in the area is sold.

The new school which is being built and the new gymnasium are also attractive to new firms. One of the major requirements by the Town is that firms comply with pollution control.



and Business

New Businesses

Jim Pennix Homes
Paul Branch Launderette
Pizza Hut
Hardee's
Phillips 66 Service Station
Amoco Service Station
Mt. Airy Car Wash

Location

U. S. HWY 52 Bypass
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Independence Blvd.
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East Pine Street

New Businesses in Renovated Buildings

Singleton's
Food City
Pickwick Shoppe
Quality Mills Outlet Store
American Decor
Ashley's Mt. Airy Outlet
Maxi's Drive In
Big Top Dollar Center

Renfro Street
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Independence Blvd.
Independence Blvd.
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Independence Blvd.
East Pine Street
North Main Street

Businesses With New Additions

Parrish Tire Co.
Essex International, Inc.
Spencers, Inc.
Brown Wooten & Guggenheim
Ray's Restaurants, Inc.
Northern Hospital of Surry County

Worth Street
Hay Street
Rear, 304 Willow Street
Industrial Park
Rockford Street
Rockford Street

Old Businesses in New or Additional Quarters

First National Bank
Planter's National Bank
Blue Ridge Supply Co.
Central Telephone Co. Work Center

N. Main & Orchard St.
North Main Street
Industrial Park
Hickory Street

Old Businesses in Additional Quarters - Renovated

Patterson Buick, Inc.
Cockerham's Printing Co.
Easter Brothers Music Center

West Lebanon Street
South Main Street
Riverside Drive

Newcomers

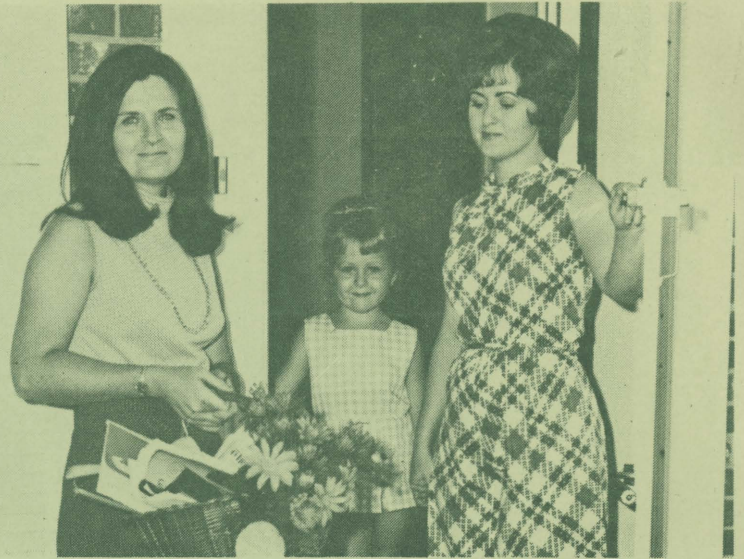
Newcomers to the Mount Airy area are usually first greeted by the Welcome Wagon hostess, Mrs. Bobbie Collins. During the past year she visited 177 new families representing 30 different states. The average number of children per family was two.

The largest number of new residents came to Mount Airy this past year to positions in businesses and industries.

A general breakdown follows these categories:

Managers of stores, etc.	31
Teachers	19
Industry-Mills	33
Business	39
Ministers	8
Salesmen	7
Medical	7
Truck Drivers	3
Government	5
Self Employed	5
Law	3
Retired	15

Most newcomers express delight with the proximity with the mountains. Quite a few have moved from larger cities and enjoy the small town atmosphere. The primary difficulty, they generally agree, is finding adequate doctors.



A I R P O R T

The Mount Airy - Surry County Airport, less than ten years old, is a real asset to the Mount Airy business community. Most national companies contemplating industrial expansion require access to a conveniently located airport in order to spread executive talent.

The 3500 foot air strip is suitable for corporate twin engine aircraft and may be developed further to 6000 feet with a cross runway.

Of the fifteen planes stationed at the airport, six are owned by private corporations. An estimated seven to ten airplanes take off and land daily.

The Airport is conveniently located near U. S. HWY 52 and has a total land area of 75 acres. Its commission is composed of two members appointed by the County and three appointed by the Town.



Recreation

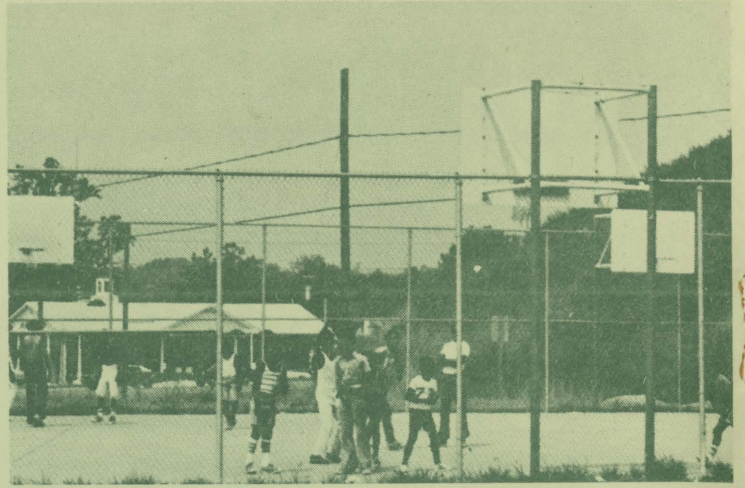
Citizens voted "Yes" for recreation last year and soon will be able to consider plans made by a consulting firm. Eric Hill & Associates is making a detailed study of the existing facilities of the town and possible alternatives for providing additional recreational facilities.

One possibility to be considered is developing neighborhood parks.

Among the list of facilities already available are the YMCA, access to several private country clubs which have golf and other facilities, a new Little League ball park, Veteran's Park, civic clubs who provide facilities, bowling, miniature golf, and playgrounds on school property.

This past summer the Town shared the cost with the Mount Airy School Board to provide lights for the high school tennis courts. The Town also helped sponsor a summer 4-H program for boys.

Recreation is a real need of modern society and the Town is seeking the best methods for providing for its needs.



Urban Renewal

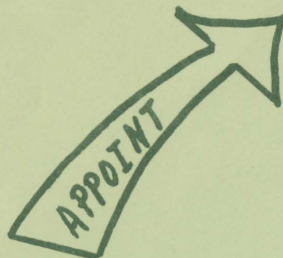
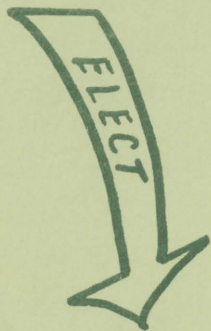
This Fall the Mount Airy Housing Authority will complete work begun in 1961 to provide 300 public housing units for low income families and the elderly. The project has used 30% of the land acquired by the Redevelopment Commission, which works in cooperation with the Housing Authority, and has eliminated most of the sub-standard housing of the town.

Neighborhoods developed in the plan have recreational facilities, a central community center, and soon will have a Day Care center adequate for forty children. It will be operated by the Social Services Dept.

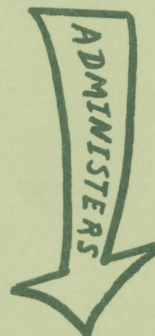
The federally funded housing project, with housing at five locations, has a total cost of \$3,855,000. The town has provided the water and sewer and streets for the project. Occupancy in the homes began in 1965.



Citizens
of
Mount Airy



CITY MANAGER



MAYOR AND TOWN BOARD

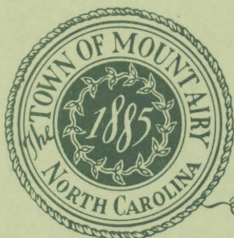


REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HOUSING AUTHORITY
AIRPORT AUTHORITY
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
HOUSING APPEALS BOARD
FIREMAN'S RELIEF COMMISSION
PLANNING BOARD
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
LIBRARY BOARD
MINORITY GROUP HOUSING COMMITTEE
CODES REVIEW COMMITTEE
CEMETERY COMMISSION

CITY MANAGER'S SECRETARY &
TRAFFIC CLERK
*CITY CLERK & FINANCE OFFICER
*TAX COLLECTOR
WATER CLERK
CODES OFFICER
CODES OFFICER'S SECRETARY
POLICE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SANITATION
WATER & SEWER
WATER PLANTS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
STREETS
CEMETERY
CITY GARAGE
ENGINEERING

*Appointed by Town Board

ORGANIZATION



TOWN *of* MOUNT AIRY

A GATEWAY TO THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

P. O. BOX 70

MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

September 5, 1973

Dear Mount Airy Citizen:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Mount Airy for helping our family get "established" in the Granite City. Even though we have only been here since Thanksgiving, we have had the opportunity to become acquainted with many of the people that have contributed to making Mount Airy a choice place to live and work.

Through many years of toiling Mount Airy has established a firm foundation for the growth that we are beginning to experience. This is not to say that we have an easy road ahead. On the contrary, we must be constantly on guard to insure that the building blocks that go on our foundation are placed in an orderly and logical fashion - or we will soon begin to experience the seemingly unending and unpredictable growth problems that many "growing" communities are experiencing.

We have a sound diversified industrial base and a thriving business community. We are beginning to witness the residential development that inevitably follows and this in turn is bringing about a further expansion of industry and business. I don't believe any of us want to discourage development; however, the burden rests on all of our shoulders to insure that this development takes place in an orderly fashion and in a manner that will compliment existing development.

With the recent completion of the F. G. Doggett Water Plant and the expansion of our wastewater treatment plant that is now under way, we will be in a position where we hopefully can devote more time, effort and funds to other community services. Within the past year we have contracted with a consulting firm to develop a recreational plan for our community. When this plan is completed our intention is to move quickly into the implementation phase. Rather than developing one large facility, our objective will be to bring recreational facilities closer to the people by locating them in residential areas. Primarily because of our limited financial resources our recreational program will be oriented to the acquisition of land and the installation of non-supervisory type recreational facilities.

We have witnessed this past year the advent of General Revenue Sharing. I like to think of this new concept as money coming back home. These funds have been earmarked for a new fire station in the northern part of our community and a new city hall complex. Barring any unforeseen problems, we hope to let a contract on the new fire station late this fall. The city hall project is not programmed; however, we have a consultant undertaking a site study for this facility. Our need at this time is primarily for a new city hall. However, giving consideration to our long term needs we are exploring the feasibility of developing a city hall complex that could eventually include not only a city hall, but a public library and possibly a community auditorium suitable for programs of communitywide interest such as concerts and plays.

In conclusion I feel we have many "once in a lifetime" opportunities before us to continue to improve the livability of our community. However, we must keep in mind that the more livable communities by their very nature, generate growth and it is this growth, if it takes place in an unplanned and unregulated fashion, that has contributed to the deterioration of many communities. Historically we have a good track record of enthusiastically facing the multitude of challenges related to community development. It is my hope and plea that we will continue to all work together to preserve and enlarge our community's amenities as we face the years of unprecedented growth that are before us.

Sincerely yours,

Victor H. Denton
City Manager



1972-73 BUDGET

REVENUE *

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 967,305	36%
Other Misc. Licenses & Taxes	\$ 313,658	12%
Water & Sewer Rents	\$ 443,467	17%
Powell Bill	\$ 91,430	3%
Government Grants	\$ 623,991	23%
Other Revenue	\$ 213,376	8%
Transfer from other funds	\$ 1,693	1%
Total	\$2,654,920	100%

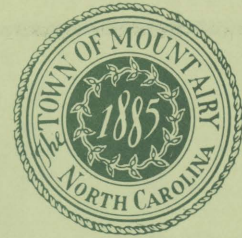
Analysis of Revenue in Excess of Expense

Capital Reserve for new fire station and city hall	\$ 241,874
Encumbered for water and sewer extension project	\$ 383,204
Debt service reserve	\$ 64,171
Water & sewer fund reserve	\$ 105,446
General fund	\$ 277,296
Other funds	\$ 23,847
Total	\$1,095,838

EXPENDITURES *

Administration, Governmental, Financial, City Hall, Planning & Legal	\$ 100,080	6%
Public Safety - Fire, Codes & Inspection, Police & Traffic	\$ 323,059	21%
Public Works - Administration, Engineering, Streets, Street Lighting, Sanitation, Cemeteries & Shop	\$ 420,837	27%
Other - Library, Traffic Court, Jail & Board, Youth Guidance and Miscellaneous	\$ 131,227	9%
Water and Sewer	\$ 255,230	16%
Debt Service	\$ 328,650	21%
Total	\$1,559,083	100%

* Source: Preliminary Draft of 1972-73 Audit Report prepared by A. M. Pullen & Company.



TELEPHONE ACTION

POLICE	786-4144
FIRE	
To report FIRE	786-5151
Business Call	786-5152
CITY MANAGER	786-6523
DIR. PUBLIC WORKS	786-8437
ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, & BUILDING INSPECTOR	789-1971
CITY FINANCE	786-2570
CITY TAXES	786-4717
WATER & SEWER BILLING	786-4717
WATER & SEWER MATTERS (Other than Billing)	786-8437
PARKING TICKETS	786-6523
GARBAGE & TRASH	786-8437
ZONING	789-1971
PUBLIC HOUSING	786-8321
CEMETERY INFORMATION	786-8437
ELECTION INFORMATION	386-8168
CITY AUTO TAGS	786-4717
LIBRARY	786-7333
GENERAL INFORMATION	786-6523

New Election Laws

CITIZENS:

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacted legislation effective Jan. 1, 1973, affecting election procedures in all of the towns and cities of the State of North Carolina. (Article 23, Chap. 163, N. C. General Statutes.)

Town charters control the election of city officials, except to the extent altered by the New Municipal Election Act. Many towns have heretofore, and may still do so, elect their mayors and commissioners in odd numbered years. The Town of Mount Airy does. In many instances, the terms of incumbents expired in the month of June, 1973. By law their terms were extended until the first Monday in December, 1973, following the general election of city officials; such is the case with two of the commissioners and of the mayor of the Town of Mount Airy.

The elections of the Town of Mount Airy are partisan and for this reason, the State law requires the Surry County Board of Elections to conduct our Town's elections.

Our Primaries will hereafter be conducted in the month of September on the sixth Tuesday preceding the election in the month of November. The election is held on Tuesday following the first Monday in November. If a runoff is required, it will be held on the Tuesday before the election. Those elected to office take their oaths and assume their duties on the first Monday in December.

By Charter provision, Mount Airy is divided into two wards and are referred to as the North Ward and the South Ward. Two Commissioners are elected from each ward, and one commissioner is elected at large (by vote of electors in both wards). The mayor is elected at large. The terms of the commissioners are staggered. In the year 1973, one commissioner will be elected from each of the wards and the mayor will be elected, all for four year terms. In the year 1975, one commissioner will be elected from each ward and the commissioner at large (who also serves as mayor pro-tem) will also be elected, again, all for four year terms.

Residents of Mount Airy eighteen years old and older may register to vote for city and county elections--one registration only--with the Surry County Board of Elections. Persons heretofore registered to vote in city elections but not registered to vote for county, state and national elections must register again, or anew, with the Surry County Board of Elections in order to vote in the city elections of the Town of Mount Airy.

The polling places for city elections are, for the North Ward, the Mount Airy City High School, and for the South Ward, the Rockford Street Fire Station.

The ward lines were recently changed to more perfectly establish an equal balance of population in each ward.

Take an active part in your city government. Vote for the candidates of your choice.

The Town Attorneys

Gardner, Gardner & Bell

TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Town Board meetings are set for 7:00 p. m., the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Planning Board

H. O. Woltz, Sr., Chairman
R. A. Smith
Norris C. Hatcher
John Banner, Jr.
Don Beason
George C. Wright
James H. Cox
John Mittman

Zoning Board of Adjustment

J. Earl Watson, Chairman
Charles Lawrence
J. R. Smith
Hylton Wright
P. D. Webster
Sam J. Lewis
Frank Snody

Redevelopment Commission

A. Clark Lackey, Chairman
J. Hale Yokley
Thomas Ashby
Robert M. Smith
D. C. Rector

Codes Review Committee

E. G. Webb, Chairman
James R. Miller
H. R. Inman
Clarence P. Fagg
Howard W. Taylor
Edward Foy, III
F. G. Doggett
E. P. Pruett
Bill Joe Woodruff, Ex-Officio Mbr.
Victor H. Denton, Ex-Officio Mbr.
Gray Bryant, Ex-Officio Mbr.

Firemen's Relief Commission

Robert M. Smith, Chairman
W. H. Foy
Earl Watson
W. F. Harris
W. M. Beamer

Mount Airy School Board

Ben K. Graves, Chairman
George Speight
John A. Browne
Johnny Edwards
Jerry Nester
Mrs. John K. Lockhart
John E. Mills

Housing Appeals Board

Jack Loftis, Chairman
Ben Brannock
Stentz Badgett
Troy Payne
Harold Stone

Cemetery Commission

W. M. Beamer, Chairman
Hale Yokley
Roy Hutchens

Citizens Advisory Committee

James Loflen, Co-Chairman
Fredric H. Schafer, Co-Chairman
L. H. Jones
D. T. Joyner
Stephen Petlitz
Billy Penn
Mrs. Charles Hart
Ralph Cooke, Sr.
Walter Jarvis, Sr.
Fred Goins
Bill Joe Woodruff, Ex-Officio Mbr.
Joe L. Simmons, Ex-Officio Mbr.
E. P. Pruett, Ex-Officio Mbr.
S. L. Spencer, Ex-Officio Mbr.
J. H. Shaw, Ex-Officio Mbr.
Victor H. Denton, Ex-Officio Mbr.
David Hemmings, Ex-Officio Mbr.

Minority Group Housing Committee

L. H. Jones, Chairman
A. C. Edwards
Rev. W. E. Pilcher, III
John E. Mills
Mary Alice Snow
Sylvania Penn
Johnny Thompson
W. M. Beamer, Ex-Officio Mbr.
David Hemmings, Ex-Officio Mbr.
E. P. Pruett, Ex-Officio Mbr.
Victor H. Denton, Ex-Officio Mbr.

Airport Authority

John Banner, Jr., Chairman
R. A. Smith
Richard Wimbish
H. O. Woltz, Jr.
Newell Baker

Library Board

Joe Graves, Chairman
Mrs. Virginia Maultsby
Haywood Merritt, Jr.
P. M. Sharpe
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Mrs. Thomas Cumby

Park and Recreation Commission

(To be appointed by Town Board of Commissioners at a later date.)

Public Housing Authority

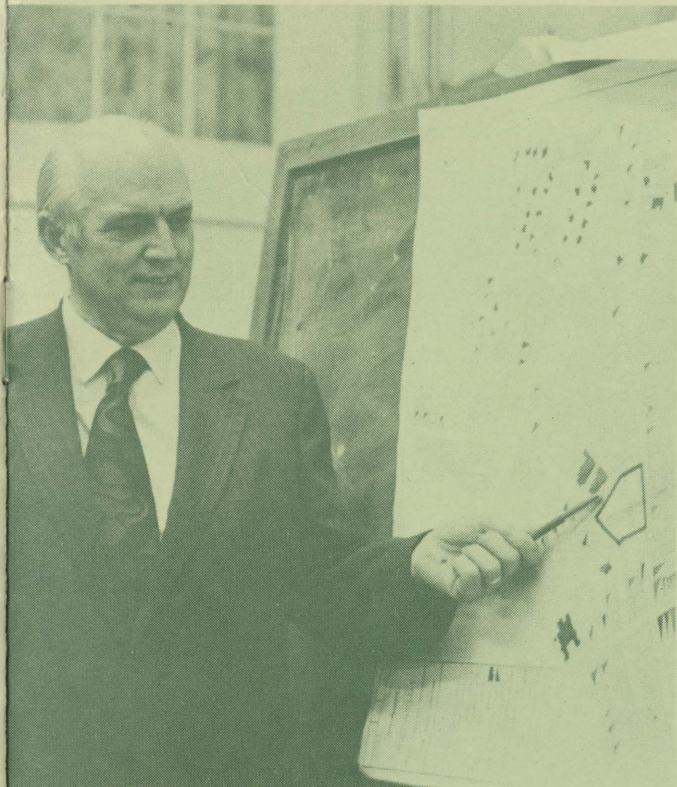
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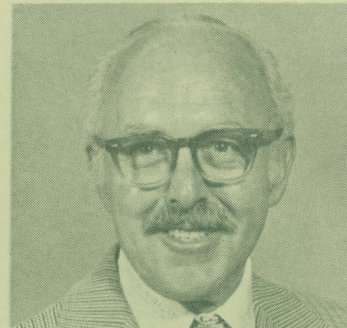
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS: J. N. Pease Associates, Charlotte, N. C.

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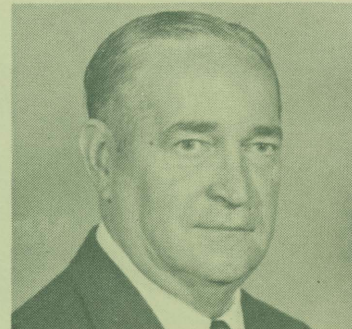
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MAYOR MAYNARD BEAMER



R. Bowman George
Commissioner at Large



Charles F. Lowry
Finance Commissioner



M. A. Thomas
Public Works Comm.



Otis M. Oliver
Police Commissioner



S. Mack Wood
Fire Commissioner

CITIZENS:

Keeping Mount Airy in step with the needs of its citizens requires planning, and some important plans of the town are fast becoming realities. Consultants right now are working to devise an adequate recreation program; work is about to begin to expand the waste-water treatment facilities; drawings are being made for a new fire station; and plans for a new city hall will soon be taking form.

Needs and services: these are the reasons for local government. And citizen involvement such as that demonstrated by those elected and appointed to serve is a worthy example for every citizen. Candidates filing to serve the town during the next term are seeking positions of responsibility and that is to be commended. To preserve our government, we must seek every citizen's involvement.

We hope you find this annual report helpful to you in broadening your understanding of your local government and your community.

Mayor Maynard Beamer and
The Town Board of Commissioners

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