

The Granite City

Mount Airy

NORTH CAROLINA

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NORTHERN GATEWAY TO THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

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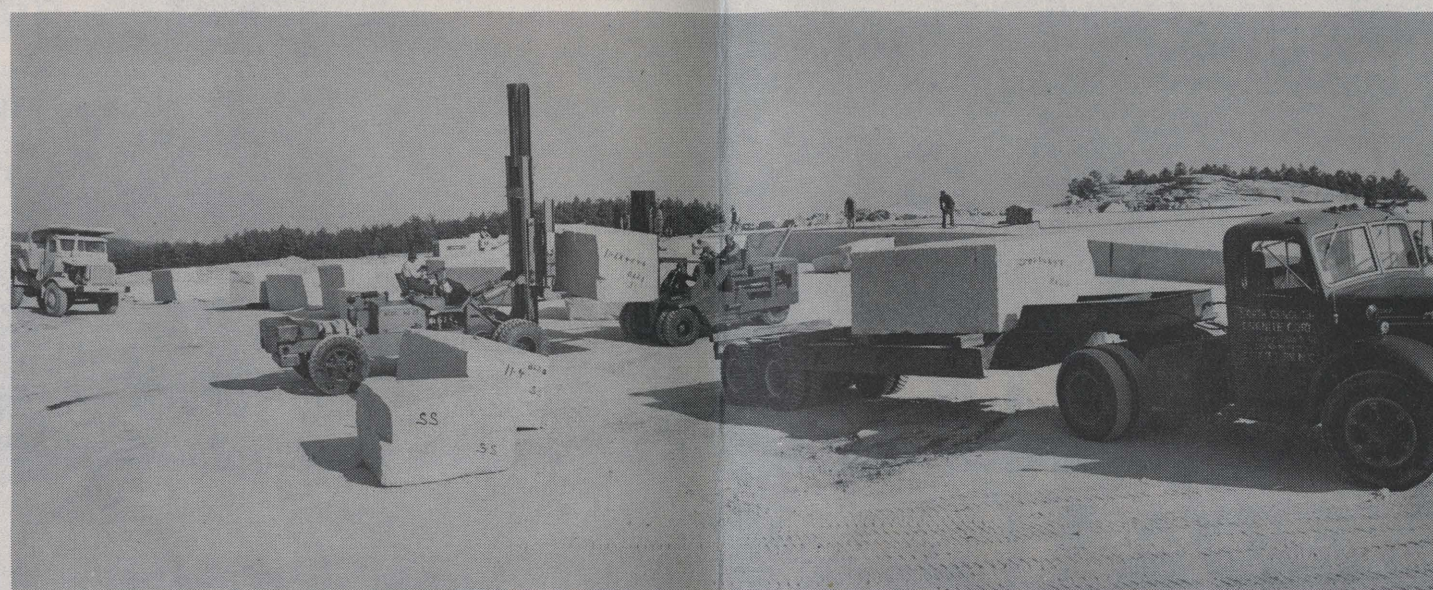
Mount Airy is the home of the largest open-faced granite quarry in the world. Since quarrying operations began in 1889, many structures of national prominence have been built of Mount Airy Granite. Among these are Arlington Memorial Bridge in Washington, D. C., the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and the Gold Bullion Depository in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

LOCATION

Mount Airy is located at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, six miles from Virginia, and fourteen miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, with only a six hour drive to the Atlantic Coast. The protection offered by the mountains to the North and West is largely responsible for our temperate climate, which avoids extremes, and offers excellent opportunity for out-door living. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 41.5 degrees; July the hottest month, with the average of 77.2 degrees. Although snowfall is usually light and does not interfere with business, there is generally enough for sledding and other winter sports. Our 1100 foot elevation offers the mountain coolness of summer nights, and adds to pleasant living in a healthful climate.

HEALTH FACILITIES

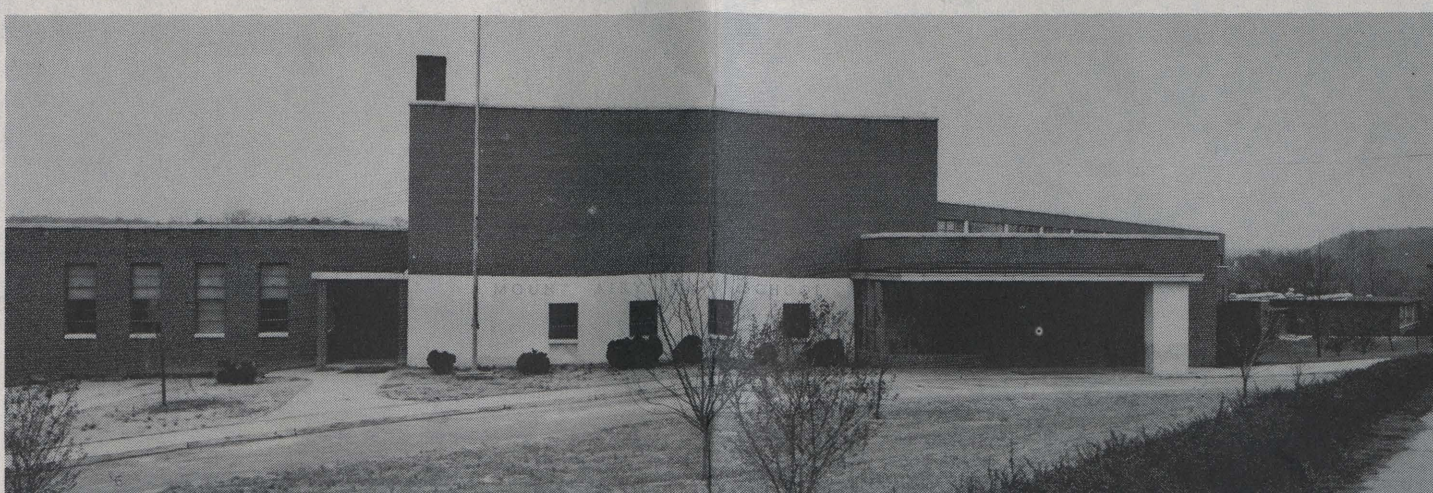
The Northern Hospital of Surry County, a \$1,800,000 structure, offers the finest in hospital facilities. Every modern convenience, as well as the most up-to-date technical equipment, is housed in this new structure as an aid to our excellent medical staff. This 100-bed hospital includes a training school for nurses with a total enrollment of sixty students. Our community is fortunate to have twelve physicians and two surgeons, accredited by the American Medical Association and by the American Society of Surgeons. Other health services include seven dentists, five optometrists, two



North Carolina Granite Corporation



Hospital of Northern Surry County



GOVERNMENT

The government of Mount Airy is administered by five commissioners and a mayor, each elected to serve a four year term, and by a city manager. Despite the fact that the city of Mount Airy has spent more than \$2,750,000 in the past ten years in capital outlay to improve services to the citizens, a very conservative tax rate has always applied.

TRANSPORTATION

Excellent transportation facilities are available to Mount Airy. U. S. Highways 52, 601, and several state highways are leading to the advancement of our community. The industries and business establishments of Mount Airy are served daily by ten motor freight carriers. Rail service is provided by Southern Railway. Mount Airy has an airport adequate for private and executive type planes, which offers charter service to all sections of the country. The Smith Reynolds Airport, with regular scheduled flights to all sections of the country, is only a fifty minute drive. The Atlantic Greyhound Bus Corporation operates sixteen buses daily through Mount Airy.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mount Airy has two newspapers and two radio stations. The Mount Airy News is published twice weekly, and the Mount Airy Times is published weekly. Radio Station WPAQ has a voice of 10,000 watts and Radio Station WSYD transmits 5,000 watts. Television programs emanate from stations at Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte, Roanoke, Virginia, and Lynchburg, Virginia. The University of North Carolina-owned TV station, WUNC at Chapel Hill, gives excellent educational programming to our area.

HOTEL AND MOTEL

This small industrial-convention city is fortunate

chiropractors, and a complete children's center with a registered therapist. The Surry County Health Department is located here, and has a staff of one full-time physican, four nurses, an X-Ray technician, and two inspectors.

SCHOOLS

The education of our children is adequately supplied by two high schools, one junior high, and five elementary schools, each fully accredited. The Mount Airy High School, considered one of the strongest in the state, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The quality of teaching provided is evidenced by the fact that 79% of our graduates attend an institution of higher learning or a vocational training school. In addition, the Mount Airy Business College and the Mount Airy School of Beauty Culture add to the vocational education facilities of our area. There are over 25 colleges and universities within a 65 mile radius of Mount Airy which add to our cultural and educational growth.

CIVIC AND FRATERNAL

Our civic and fraternal organizations lend their energies to the growth of Mount Airy. Each strives for the betterment of the individual within the club, as well as for the betterment of the community. Included are: American Legion and Auxiliary, Beta Sigma Phi, Chamber of Commerce, Home Demonstration Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Junior Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Loyal Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Masonic Order (2 lodges), Order of Eastern Star, Merchants Association, Rotary Club, Ruritan Clubs, Sertoma Club, Shrine Club, The Garden Club Council with several neighborhood clubs, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, Woman's Club, York Rite Bodies, and several book and art clubs. Each bids you welcome when you visit our city.

Mount Airy High School



Reeves YMCA and Community Center



Mount Airy Country Club



Bountiful Game



Challenging Greens



Old Hickory Council

This small industrial convention city is fortunate in having five motels and three hotels with a room count totaling 205. Several dining rooms furnish the public with delectable cuisine. The Chamber of Commerce will be happy to make your reservations.

FINANCIAL

The city has four financial houses: First National Bank (organized in 1893), Surry County Loan and Trust Company (organized in 1910), Workmen's Federal Savings and Loan Association (organized in 1910), and Mount Airy Savings and Loan Association (organized 1956). Their combined resources are in excess of \$36,000,000.

RECREATION

As the Northern Gateway to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, many natural recreational opportunities surround Mount Airy. Cool, clear trout streams are within a twenty-minute drive, and many lakes and ponds offer excellent bass and brim fishing. The rolling country-side offers a variety of game to the hunter and includes deer, grouse, turkey, quail, and other small game. The Blue Ridge Parkway leads the traveler through beautiful mountain scenery, and opens the door to many hours of hiking, horseback riding, picnicing, and camping in the developed areas along the route. Mount Airy High School has well-rounded sports program. Mount Airy residents and visitors enjoy a new and modern YMCA with a swimming pool, gymnasium, and bowling alley, all under the direction of a competent recreational director. Veteran's Park offers many facilities for outdoor recreation. Junior League Baseball and Industrial League team play enthuse the participant and the spectator. The Old Hickory Council Boy Scout Camp offers excellent facilities for physical, mental, and spiritual development of our youth. Many enthusiasts regularly attend college and professional sports at nearby Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

AGRICULTURE

Farm diversification is the key to the success of the agricultural program in Surry County. The Mount Airy area, long famous for the quality of Bright Leaf tobacco produced, is becoming an important center for other agricultural products.



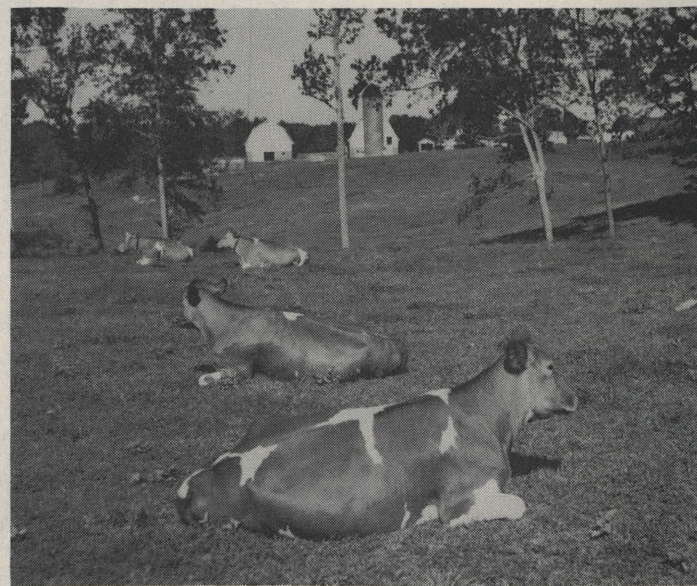
Field of Bright Leaf tobacco almost ready for the curing barns. Tobacco is the principal "money crop" in this section of North Carolina.



Local tobacco warehouses serve the farmer with tobacco auctions. Visitors are welcomed to hear the world famous "chant of the auctioneers" from September through November. Arrangements may be made at the Chamber of Commerce office for a guided tour.



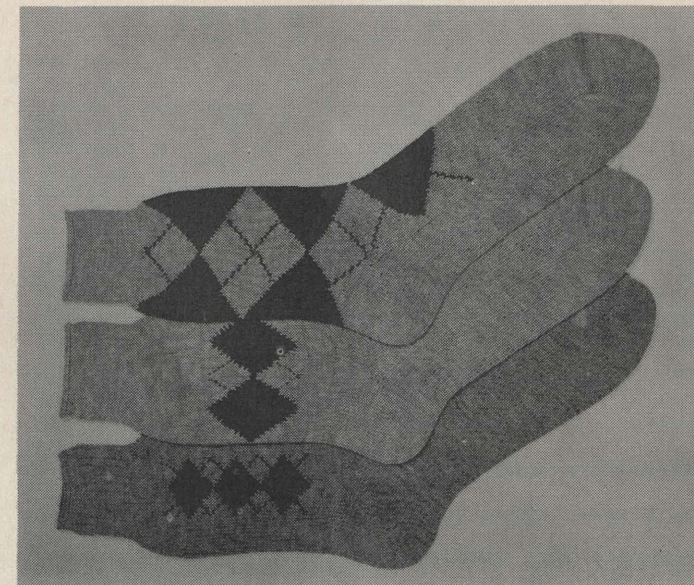
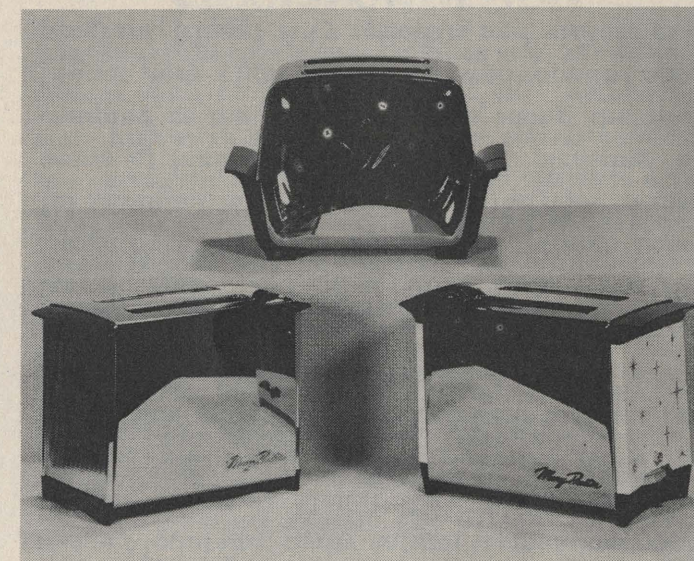
The warm sunshine and ample rain develop the sweetness of the fruit. The cool nights develop the firmness that make the apples and peaches grown in this area the envy of any fruit producing section. Hundreds of thousands of bushels of delicious apples and peaches are shipped annually from the nearby orchards.



Beef and dairy farming is developing rapidly in this area. Well-fed herds of cattle graze on the lush pasture lands surrounding Mount Airy. Also, poultry raising is gaining in popularity here with one of the state's largest processing plants located nearby.

INDUSTRY

Tremendous strides are being made in the growth and diversification of industry in Mount Airy. Within our environs are now located four furniture factories, three textile mills, eight garment factories, twelve hosiery mills, five monument and vault companies, two paper box plants, one granite quarry, one industrial plastics plant, one electrical appliance manufacturer, one mirror company, two concrete products manufacturers, one bottling plant, and several other industries. The majority of these enterprises are "home-owned". Growth within these industries added 142,000 square feet of floor space and over 300 new industrial jobs within the past twelve months.





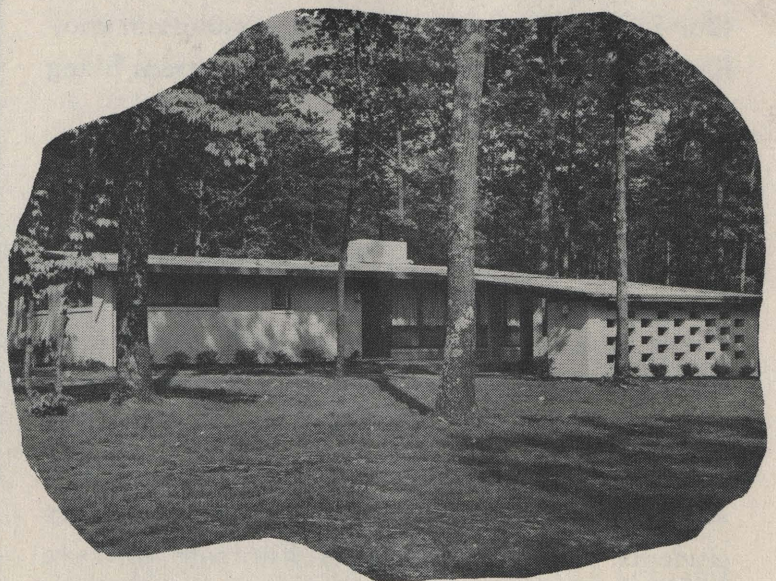
RELIGIOUS LIFE

The life of our community is enriched by over thirty churches which serve our area. These beautiful edifices, many built of native Mount Airy granite, embrace sixteen denominations, and are well equipped to handle all phases of religious activity. Represented are Church of Christ, Church of God, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Church of the Living God, Episcopal, Friends, Holiness, Jehovah's Witnesses, Methodist, Missionary Baptist, Moravian, Presbyterian, Primitive Baptist, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, and Wesleyan Methodist.



HOMES

Gracious ante-bellum homes stand in beauty beside those of contemporary architecture. Shaded tree-lined streets lead you to friendly neighborhoods where you will be welcomed for an hour, or for a life-time. Although most of the homes built in recent years are more modern in design, many older colonial style homes create an architectural picture found only in southern communities. Pleasant surroundings are a big reason our people point to Mount Airy with pride as being "home".



As North Carolina's most northern city on U. S. Highway 52, Mount Airy is truly the "Gateway to the Progressive Piedmont". The 25,000 people of the Mount Airy community are proud of their southern heritage, and the beauty that surrounds them. Suburban comforts along with metropolitan conveniences offer excellent living and working conditions.

