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The musical heritage of Carroll County will be celebrated today by the Historical Society at a reception in honor of the 155th Anniversary of Carroll County.

The special edition "Musical Heritage of Carroll County" 1992 calendar will be dedicated as part of the ceremonies. This calendar features fifteen photographs of local bands and musical groups representing a broad range of Carroll County's musical heritage. Photographs not in the calendar are shown in the photographic essay on this page today.

Exhibit

The County Commissioners of Carroll County

The event will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Shriver-Weybright Auditorium, 210 East Main Street in Westminster.

All photographs are from the collection of the Historical Society of Carroll County.

Taneytown High School Band, 1927. The educational institutions of Carroll County have had a major influence on the local musical heritage, especially through the training of student musicians. The members of the Taneytown High School band in 1927 were: left to right; front row: Mary Alice Chenowith, Janet Burke Powell, Frances Utz Moyers, Dorothy Haugh, Evelyn Zimmerman Stanley, Viginia Ott Sanders; second row: Philip Royer, director, Daniel Teeter, Agatha Hahn Davidson, Ralph Davidson, Alton Flickinger, Charles Ritter, Luther Ritter, and Miss Broadwater, music instructor.

Noah Arbaugh Orchestra, 1954. Noah Arbaugh was a leader in local musical activities from the late 19th century, when he played with the Warfieldsburg Band, through the mid-20th century. His orchestra played at a number of community events including an annual summer concert in the garden of the Historical Society during the 1950s. The members of the orchestra in 1954 were: left to right, Wade Herbert and son, Charles Swinderman, Thomas Rowe, Floyd Myers, Edward Bollinger, Earl Lambert, Mrs. Elease Holland, Mrs. Mary Herbert, Hohn Edward Grove, Joseph Myers, Jonas Kibler, Joel Myers, Norman Myers, and Noah H. Arbaugh.

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New Windsor Band Rehearsal, c. 1895. Not only did local bands provide the entertainment at social events, but participation in a band also allowed friends in the community to enjoy each other's fellowship at weekly band rehearsals and other events. This rare informal band photograph shows members of the New Windsor band in rehearsal. Records of the Uniontown Band in the manuscript collection of the Historical Society indicate that band members were fined 10 cents for each time they were absent from practice.

Band in front of Main Court Inn, Main Street, Westminster, c. 1910. This photograph was donated to the Historical Society in 1985 but unfortunately the band is unidentified. The Main Court Inn was located on the northeast corner of Main and Court Streets, across from the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House. The inn is decorated with bunting and flags indicating that the band had probably participated in a parade and struck this classic pose in uniform and with instruments. If you can assist in identifying these musicians, please call the Historical Society at 848-6494.