

Staring into the faces of old friends from his past on Monday at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, Hylton Wright explained how he is the last one of the 1946 Mount Airy Fire Department that is still alive. "I could tell you stories about every one of these men," said Hylton as he looked at a blown up picture of the department on the wall. "I was the youngest in this picture." The photo was taken in front of the old police station located on City Hall Street. It was located beside the old fire department building. There were 21 members in the department in those days and D.G. Witt was the chief, Wright said. All three of the fire trucks featured in that 1946 photograph are housed in the basement of the museum. Mount Airy's first fire truck was a 1916 truck. The second and third trucks are 1926 and 1946 American LaFrances. The earlier two trucks have steering wheels on the righthand side of the vehicle, because they were made in France, he said. Read more: [Mount Airy News - The last one standing...](#)