

# Laurel Historical Society



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*Unpacking Laurel's Past: 150 Years on Display!*

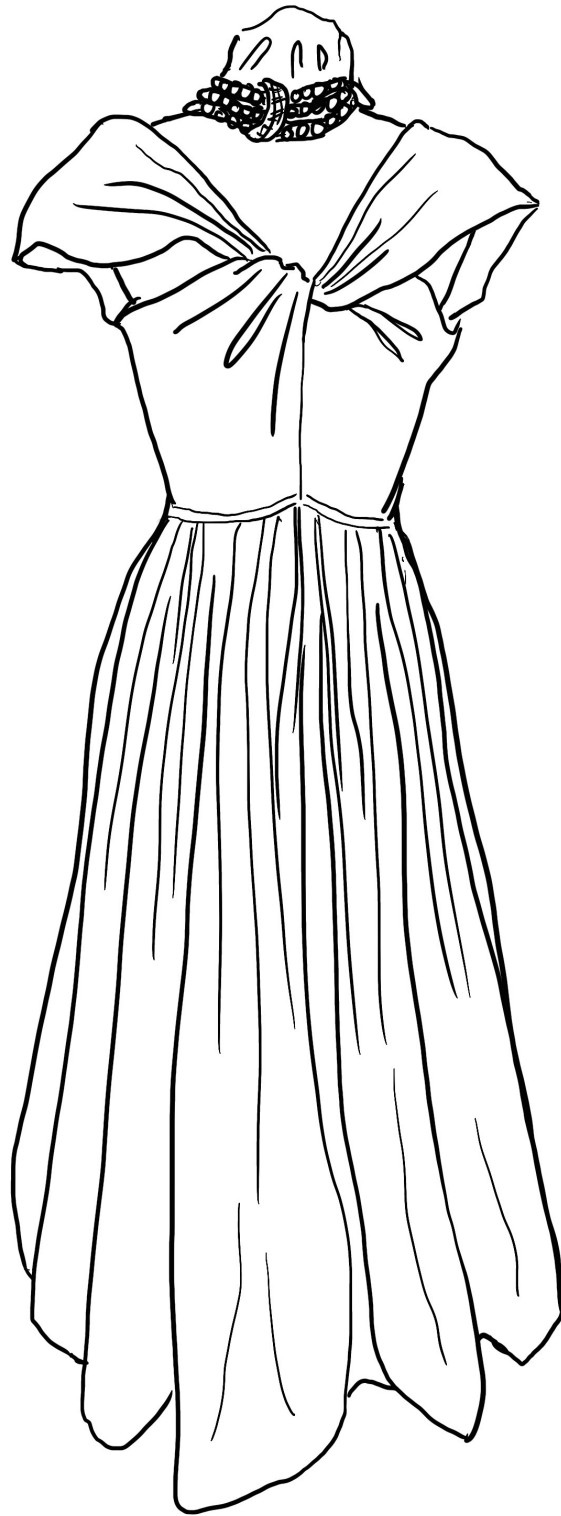
We will have small prizes to give away once the Museum opens again to anyone who submits or shares their artwork. Email us at [info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org) or share on social media using #ColorOurCollections and @LaurelHistory.

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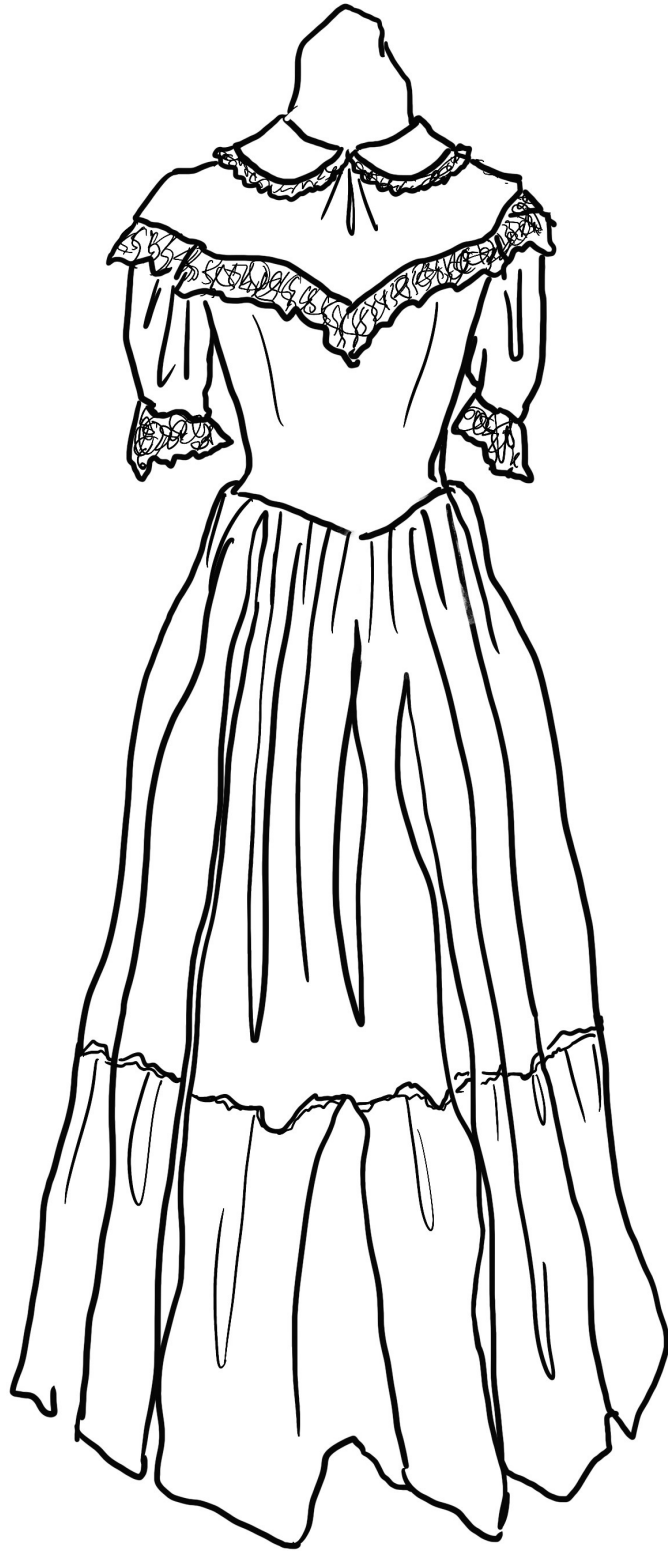


### **1950s Evening Dress**

This fuchsia silk dress belonged to Mamie Eisenhower, who likely wore it during the early to mid-1950s. The Eisenhowers lived for a brief period in Laurel while then-Lt. Colonel Dwight Eisenhower was stationed at Fort Meade. The gown was couture-tailored and custom made for the First Lady.

Accession 2006-0041-0001

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### **Centennial Dress**

This dress was worn by Jean Wilson at the Centennial Cotillion held September 12, 1970, at the Laurel Race Course Club House. The dance was the climax of the 100th Anniversary Year events. Costumes for adults and children were available for purchase at Laurel's 100th Anniversary Store at 20 C Street, which Wilson and other volunteers staffed.

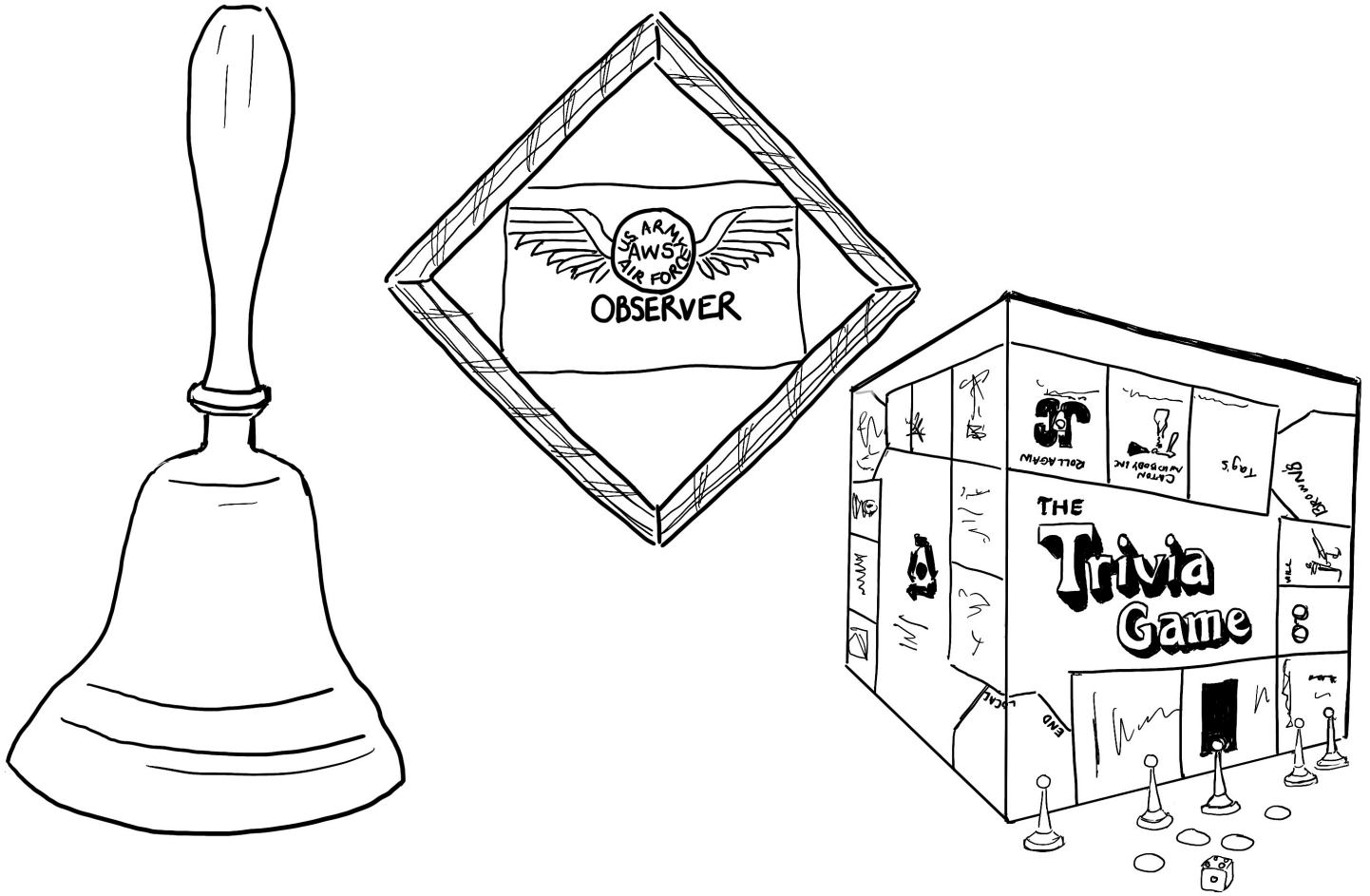


### **Kroop Riding Boots, size 3 ½**

These riding boots were made by A.M. Kroop and Sons Inc., which was located on C Street in Laurel, MD. A.M. Kroop & Sons was started in 1907 by Adolph Michael Kroop, a Latvian immigrant. It was originally located in New York but moved to its Laurel location on C Street in 1927. Adolph's granddaughter, Randy Kroop, eventually took over the business herself and made sure that the same 125 step process they used for making boots was still used in the shop. The boots took 18 hours to make per pair. Randy Kroop closed the business in the Fall of 2018. Accession 2012-0012-0001

### **AMF Bowling Shoes**

These bowling shoes were retrieved when the AMF Laurel Lanes closed in 2019. The bowling alley was previously known as Laurel Fair Lanes. Before Laurel Fair Lanes opened, duckpin bowlers could compete at Gray's Bowling Alley at 148 Washington Boulevard in Laurel. Youthful pin setters were paid 7 cents per game and 10 cents per bowler. Accession 2019-0067-0002



### **School hand bell**

This bell was used by Alice McCullough, Principal at Laurel Elementary School #3 on Laurel Avenue at the turn of the 20th century. Accession 1986-0074-0001

### **World War II Plane Spotter Arm Band**

The Aircraft Warning Service (AWS) was a civilian service of the United States Army Ground Observer Corps during World War II, 1941-1944, to keep watch for enemy planes entering American airspace. These civilian observers were recognized by wearing these armbands, an indication of the training received to become skilled in identifying all types of aircraft. The training also became widespread with all U.S. citizens; aircraft recognition became a popular hobby. Accession 2000-0216-00018A

### **Trivia Game of Laurel**

In 1987, the Greater Laurel Jaycees developed this Trivia Game with game publisher PGP Enterprises from Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Following along with the popularity of the Trivial Pursuit™ games in the 1980's, many of the trivia questions deal specifically with Laurel's history, with most of the locations on the game board consisting of familiar businesses and city landmarks at the time. Accession 1994-0001-0004A