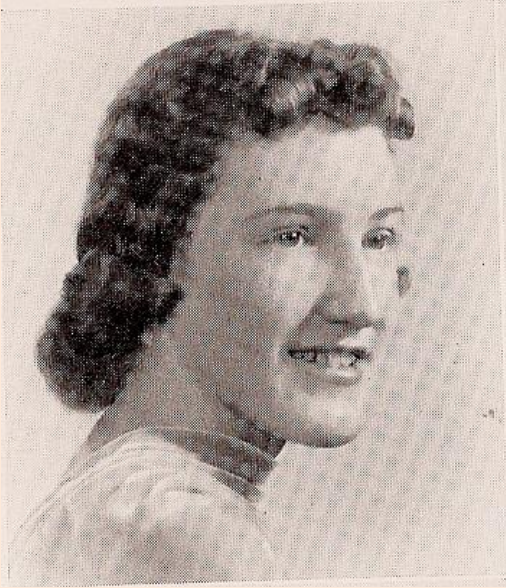


Eleanor Healy Taylor Class of 1939 Writes for the Community Times



Eleanor Taylor, is a columnist for the Community Times. She has lived in Glyndon all her life, only leaving town to attend Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in Westminster.

"I was born in the house my sister still lives in," she said.

After college, she worked as a feature writer at the Baltimore News American. Her husband was a sports writer there and at The Sun.

Her concern about historic preservation became a personal quest early in her marriage when she and her husband purchased a home on a property slated to be flooded to create space for Liberty Reservoir.

The home, known as the Elms, was built in 1760 and was owned at one time by Francis Scott Key Jr. The city purchased it for the reservoir project. But it sat empty for a decade before the Taylors acquired it.

"We bought it for \$150, but we had to get it out," Taylor said.

The couple salvaged everything usable from inside the brick and stucco home, including chair rails, floors, fire places and mantle pieces. Then it was imploded with dynamite.