Final Architects Plans Received For St. Clair Memorial Hospital

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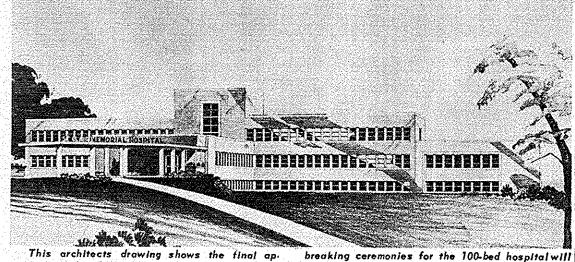
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Modern Hospital



pearance of the St. Clair Memorial Hospital which will be located at the Corner of Bower Hill and Seegar Roads. According to present plans, ground-

be held in the fall. Specifications for the hospital which will serve the South County area are now

fied physicians approved by the Allegheny County Medical Asso-

Located at Bower Hill and Seegar Roads, the new hospital

will serve the South County area,

including Mt. Lebanon, Dormont, Bridgeville, Carnegie, Greentree, Bethel, Scott and Upper St. Clair

At present, there are no hospi-

tal facilities in the South Hills

and emergency cases must be

taken to Pittsburgh hospitals

The St. Clair Memorial Hospi-

with the resultant loss of pre-

tal was first conceived in 1944

by a group of South Hills Civic leaders. In 1945, a charter was

granted by the state, and the fol-

lowing year a 30-acre tract of

A campaign to secure corporate gifts was started in February

and plans to build were further

advanced this week with the an

nouncement that specifications

Counter Petition Filed To

Rolling Hills Incorporation

Residents of Mt. Lebanon who were included in the Rolling

fills petition for incorporation have filed counter petition for

incorporation have filed counter petitions of exclusion with the

A similar protesting petition was filed by Mt. Lebanon Town-

The action became necessary when Rolling Hills included

and been released for bids.

Court of Quarter Sessions.

or incorporation.

approximately 293 acres of Mt.

Few Freeholders Sign

The excluding petition filed for the residents by Attorney

Gregory Zatkovich claims that

only a few of the resident free-holders of the included area

signed the petition for inclusion.

nothing in common with the resi-

dents of Rolling Hills and that

here are no common roads or

According to the petitioners,

heir section is an integral part

since 1932. They claim they will

not receive better administration

become a part of Rolling Hills as claimed by the Petition for incor-

Area Part Of Watershed

They also claim that their

of Mt. Lebanon and has been so

sewers connecting the two areas.

They claim that they have

Heidelberg

Townships,

cious time.

land was purchased.

Castle Shannon.

Local Draft Boards In Noticeable Slump

The lonliest place in town, much to the joy of the males between 18½ and 26, will be Allegheny County draft boards during July and August. Reason for this sudden change is the low quotas set up for those two

645 men is the total number of draftees throughout the state for July, while 100 is the local amount. In August, the state-wide total will climb to 854, with a 30 man rise over the previous call here.

The large number of National

Guardsmen, reservests, and volunteers which the state has supplied over the past year is responsible for the 50% slash in

78 Pennsylvania doctors, dentists, and veterinarians will be inducted into the Army within the next month, receiving first lieutenants commissions, announced Col. Henry M. Gross, State draft

Council Passes Routine Matters

Dormont Borough Council held a quiet meeting this week in which minor routine business matters were discussed.

Tax Collector William N. Neel

reported that \$25,000 of the tax duplicate had been collected in the first ten days of the collections period. Council had previously authorized a loan to pro-vide operating money until some of the tax duplicate could be collected. With Mr. Neel's report, this loan became unnecessary and was cancelled by Council.

Council also authorized the transfer of excess money in the sinking fund to the general operating fund.

Possibly the most important action of Council was approving an ordinance calling for restricted parking on Dell Avenue. According to the ordinance, parking on the entire street will be limited to commercial areas only and then only for loading and unload-

Lima alley, which is located behind the Kroger shopping center on West Liberty Ave., has been made a one way street. Traffic will move only in the direction from Mississippi Ave., to Wiscon-

Council aslo unanimously passed a resolution requesting the State Highway Department to make a traffic survey in Dormont in an attempt to find some method of rerouting some of the traffic off of West Liberty Ave. The survey will be done at a cost of \$1,000 to the borough.

Resident New 'Veep'

Robert L. Smith, Mt. Lebanon resident, will take over the office of vice president of the Quarter Century Club.

The step-up follows a recent election held at the fourth annual luncheon at South Park, when club members, comprised veteran employees of The Manufacturers Light and Heat Company, held elections for their

Mr. Smith resides at 907 Right Rd., and formerly made his home at 904 Vermont Ave., Mt. Lebanon.

St. Clair Hospital Ground Breaking Set For Fall

of the South Hills area seem ready to bear fruit with the announcement this week that final architects plans have been received for the St. Clair Memorial Hospital. The urgently needed institution to be constructed on Bower Hill Road will cost an estimated \$1,350,000. Edward F. Betker, president of the St. Clair Memorial Hos-

specifications for the 100 bed hospital, which will sever the South County Area, are now being put out for bids. According to present plans,

Mr. Betker expects the bids to be accepted by August 15, and the long-awaited ground breaking to take place this fall,

are being released despite the fact that only \$540,000 has been raised toward the totla of \$1,350, 000 needed to build and equip the

Directors of the Association hope to obtain \$250,000 in corporate broken next fall, there will be a public campaign to raise the re-

maining haif million dollars.

When completed, the St. Clair
Memorial Hospital will offer all

Dormont Burgess James K. K. Smith announced this week that he had issued instructions to the Police Department to crack down on the indiscriminate dumping of refuse in Borough Alleys. Burgess Smith stated that many alleys were becoming virtually impassible because of hedge clippings and other debris that their presence constituted a severe fire hazard. As part of his enforcement campaign, "NO DUMPING" signs were going to be posted in every alley, and policemen were ordered to apprehend all violators.

The penalty for illegal dumping carries a fine of one to twenty-

Two Mt. Lebanon Seniors ranked highest among the 105 high school students who were presented last week with Certificates of Merit by the Civic Club of Allegheny County through its Exceptionally Able Youths Committee.

In first place was Mary Ann Frederick, 95 Ordale Blvd., who plans to enroll in a liberal arts course at Vanderbilt University this Fall. Ranking second was James D. Lynn, 15 Earlswood Ave. James will enter Princeton University next semester, where he will study journalism.

James and Mary were among

By-Pass Will Save Minutes For Mt. Lebanon Commuters

Your Mt. Lebanon News reporter to ok a "sneak preview" ride over the new West End by-pass this week and what he saw leads him to the conclusion that it will be almost as much of a provide apartment areas in sufboon to Mt. Lebanon Commuters as were the Liberty Tubes. ficenti numbers 30 that when Mt. Travelling under 35 miles an hour, your reporter was able to

drive over the route in about one minute and eighteen seconds. The same day, it took, four and a half minutes to travel from the Banksville traffic circle to Carson street, the span of the bystrip separates the two inbound lanes from the outbound ones.

pass, by using the old route. And it is no secret that four and a half minutes would be record time for the trip during rush hours. Carved Out Of Hillside

The State Highway Department has moved thousands of tons of dirt and rock as it literally carved the highway out of the hill-

The by-pass has a entle slope with the high side to ard Carso St., and one gentle curve approximately in the middle of the stretch. in the middle of the stretch.

A rock bluff rises almost perpendicular to the highway on the north side. A roll curb center

Almost Finished

outbound lane is yet to be com-It would seem that the only two possible "bottlenecks" that could arise from the by-pass are at the Banksville traffic circle and the Carson street connection. Traffic patrolmen could probably maintain the flow of traffic at both points during rush

Take it from us, if you commute downtown via Banksville road, you are going to be pleasantly surprised one of these days.

Seven years of hard work and unselfish efforts by residents

pital Association announced that A public institution, the St Clair Memorial Hospital will serve all creeds and races and

Betker revealed that the bids

Special Gifts Swell Total

During the next few months, and special gifts. When ground is

general and some specialized services, including diagnostic services. Deep therapy and involvements requiring specialists and services more readily available in Pittsburgh will not be handled at St. Clair Memorial

Dormont To Curb Alley Dumping

five dollars.

Frederick, Lynn Top Able Youths

Citizens Discuss Master Plan At "Town Meeting" Attendance was rather poor but interest high in the Planning

Commission's Town Meeting held last Thursday at Mellon Dr. Greene told how this plan About 150 citizens showed up to hear the Planners explain

of governmental facilities if they the leaflet explaining the Town-

the master plan and answer questions. If this meeting is any indication, the most controversial provisions of the ordinance will be allocations of apartment areas

as provided by the ordinance. Members of the Planning Commission claim they have tried to Lebanon is fully developed with about 40,000 residents, the ratio of single family dwellers to mul-

tiple unit dwellers will be the ame as it is today. Apartments Necessary

They believe that apartments Possibly a hundred feet of the ple whose families have grown and established homes of their own. Planners maintain that they no longer need large homes and yet still want to live in Mt. Lebanon. They will eventually be-come apartment dwellers and if there are none available they will be forced to leave Mt. Lebanon and seek accomodations elsewhere. Objections were also raised to

Planner's provisions for neighborhood shopping centers as provided by the ordinance. Planners have taken most shopping districts in the Township and

have designated them as N-S, or neighborhood shopping centers with restricted use. Then they have surrounded or "buffered" these centers with apartment dwellings in the belief that this is the type of dwelling which would naturally grown up around shopping district.

The commission claims that hopping centers are a blight to single family homes anyway and it is best to zone adjacent areas or apartments.

Dr. Greene Opens Meeting

Dr. James H. Greene acted as oderator for the meeting and as the first speaker, he reviewed some of the short history of the proposed Master Plan which is designed, as he said, "to keep Mt. Lebanon what we want it to be but at the same time, provide for growth."

He explained that the original draft of the ordinance was that provided by the Planners Associ- 8:15 and did not recess until alates as derived from their survey. | most midnight.

was then submitted to almost every organization in Mt. Lebanon for study and recom

In its final form the ordinance represents a part of the original Planners Associates ordinance integrated with suggestions made by the various organizations plus clauses deemed essential by the Mt. Lebanon Planning Commission.

Floover Gives History

Joseph Hoover, president of the Planning Commission followed Dr. Greene to the podium and gave a brief history of the Commission and the background and theory of zoning, several maps on the screen and explained exactly now all sections of Mt. Lebanon would be zoned under the ordinance.

No mention was made at this meeting of the "Minimum First Floor Area" proposed amendment since the Planners thought that this highly controversial clause had been debated sufficiently without devoting further time to

The meeting got under way at

Artists Coming Here

The Manufacturers Light and Heat Company announced this week that the headquarters for the gas distribution district No. 5 will be located in the building now housing the McCrory Motor company at the corner of Washing ton Rd. and Peermont Ave. According to G. E. Wilson,

superintendent of gas distribution, the building was purchased from Henry P. and Gertrude McCrory. The sale price was not announced Mr. Wilson also stated that the building will house a gas appli- Sascha Gorodnitzki, Plants ance show room in addition to the

Gas Headquarters

Will Move Here

distribution facilities. After considerable remodeling is completed, Forbes W. Burdette, district manager, will have his office in the new building.

Home Service Department A home service kitchen and auditorium will be created in the former automobile agency. Staffed by gas company home economists, it will assist the home service workers in their cooperative activities with customers, churches, women's clubs and youth organi-

Part of the building will be used as a gas service headquarters for the South Hills area. Service to local customers will be improved by the transfer of the gas distribution department's short wave sending and receiving base station from the present Millbridge accept cases from regularly quali- St. location to the new district headquarters.

> Radio Controlled Cars This dispatching office is in constant communication with the company's fleet of radio-equipped customer service cars and trucks at work throughout the South

Remodeling of the McCrory building will begin sometime in July. The formal opening of the gas building will take place after Labor Day.

SEND IN YOUR POLL

Over 8,000 copies of Parking Pall were mailed to residents of Mt. Lebanon recently. The poll is being taken "to determine public opinion on the question of parking."

Township Manager David D. Rowlands reports that hundreds of polls have been re turned to the township office

not be able to adequately furnish

and they would lost the benefits

The petition filed by Mt. Leb

the same as the citizens petition.

the Court calendar to be heard at

MT. LEBANON CITED
Unusual recognition was given
to Mt. Lebanon last week when

ship tax was given first award in the competition held in connec-

tion with the annual convention

of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commission-

Residents of the area are also

municipal services.

of Mt. Lebanon Schools.

a future date.

Resident Accepts Managerial Post



WILLIAM G. MEHAFFEY After being offered a top office with the Continental Assurance Company, William G. Mehaffey has accepted the offer and will now assume duties as new Pitts.

burgh Branch Manager.
Mr. Mehaffey, residing on Iroquois Drive, Mt. Lebanon, is a well known member of the Mt. Lebanon Civic League and an elder of the Beverly Heights United Presbyterian Church.

He goes into the new company ebanon in its plea to the Court area is a part of the natural as a widely known businessman or incorporation.

| area is a part of the natural as a widely known businessman watershed of Mt. Lebanon and in Pittsburgh Underwriting circles, that the proposed borough will chiefly through his association with the Prudential Insurance Company where he served in various field and managerial capaci-

fearful that if they become a part ties. of Rolling Hills there might be a Mr. Mehaffey's start came in redistricting of school districts 1932 when he became a personal producer and continued with that work for ten years. He then was made Agency Assistant and as anon Township was essentially signed a production unit through which he earned a promotion to Both petitions will be put on Assistant Manager in 1945.

The new position of Pittsburgh

Branch Manager will entail a maj ority of work on interests of bro cers and surplus writers.

Charter Life Underwriters, and past president of the Supervisors

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Mr. Mehaffey is an active member of the Pittsburgh Life Underwriters Association, a director of the local chapter of

The safety of children who will attend the new Moffatt Street School is an important factor in

Rodgers & Hammerstein Will Open Fall Series

NAMES STARS

Music for Mt. Lebanon will offer the most ambitious and imressive list of concert attractions in their history with the 951-52 series announced publicly today.

To open their season on October 8 they have booked the outtanding new event in the music world - RODGERS & HAMMER. STEIN NIGHTS. Under the personal supervision of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, a concert orchestra, concert

York are S.R.C.

and ap

For the fourth and final con-

cert, April 5, Music for Mt. Leba-non has scheduled the annual

concert of the Pittsburgh Sym-

phony Orchestra playing music that the people can understand

Oilling as soloist. Vladimir Dakaleinkoff will conduct. Miss

Mildred Dilling is one of the

leading harp soloists in the world and has appeared in just about every concert hall in the world.

Sixth Season of Music

This season marks the sixth

usic for Mt. Lebanon series,

and these events as announced

fulfill this organization's pledge

Pittsburgh and to Mt. Lebanon,

It is indeed an honor to Mt. Leb-

programs and direction are achiev-

non that Music for Mt. Lebanon's

nation-wide recognition, and

earning a reputation among New

York concert managers as one of the most impressive and ambiti-

to bring only the finest music to

appreciate, with Mildred

chorus and four principals will sing the world-famed music writ- An estbalished artist, his annual ten by this midas-pair of the Carnegie Hall concerts in New American Theatre.
The Lovely music of "South

Pacific", The King & I", "Oklahoma!", "Allegro," "Carousel" and "State Fair" will echo to the walls of Mellon Auditorium. It is especially noteworthy that in bringing this out-standing event to Pittsburgh, Music for Mt. Lebanon scooped every other musical group in the

James Melton Will Sing

November 19, will bring the top ox-office attraction in the entire ation to Pittsburgh -- Hr. James Melton, James Melton's fabulous career in films, radio, opera, con-cert and lately television, have made him literally America's leading tenor. Mr. Melton's only appearance in Pittsburgh this season will be with Music for Mt. Lebanon.

Third event, January 21, marks the Pittsburgh debut of a great American pianist, Sascha Corod-nitzki. Mr. Gorodnitzki for some unexplainable reason has never been afforded a Pittsburgh hearing Reconstruction Of Washington

Street Resurfacing

authorization has been given for

an extensive program of street re-

maintenance through sealing and

Inthe past six years, funds

chatting to prolong the life of

for the maintenance of Mt. Leba-non's 53 miles of streets have

been provided in the operating

budget without raising the tax

struction projects are provided

New construction or recon-

In the \$250,000 bond issue re-

ently issued by the Township,

approximately \$120,000 will pay

Used to Move Buildings

The Township's cost involved

rimarily the moving of commer-

cial buildings necessary to elim-

Alfred Street and Cedar Blvd. and

the installation of some curbs

This year, the township Com-missioners adopted a policy re-

quiring builders to pay 60 percent

of the cost of constructing new

streets and sewers at the time

They claim this means sound (Continued on page 5)

nate the "bottleneck"

surfacing and street renai

In addition to these projects,

ous new musical organizations in America. UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

Many new residents of Mt. Lebanon may be unaware of how unique on organization MUSIC FOR MT. LEBANON really is.

An independent non-profit corporation, it is managed and directed by a Board of Directors headed by F. S. Olmsted, President; Joseph Esposito, Vice-President; and H. R. Owens, Treasurer. The group books directly with the New York managers, and only thru unselfish efforts is it possible to present the top artists in the nation at such ridiculously lo series prices.

Tickets for the Mellon Auditorium are all reserved, and the series tickets are sold at a 25% discount -- in other words, the four concerts actually cost the price of only three concerts. For Information write to MUSIC FOR MT. LEBANON, Box 1081, Pittsburgh 16, Pa., or telephone LEhigh 1-5708

VILBUR TAKES TRIP the Township's share of the cost FOR SEARS-ROEBUCK of the recent improvement to

George H. Wilbur, of 235 Catalpa Pl., left recently for Chicago to attend his second meeting as a member of the advisory council of the Sears and Roebuck profit sharing fund.

Manager of the laundry appliances department of the North Side Sears Store, Mr. Wilbur is meeting with 15 other members representing stores, mail order plants, and factories throughout he country. Mr. Wilbur joined the Company

in 1928 at the Harrisburg Store. He is a native of the capital city. He is married and has three child-

Town Meeting Audience

Road Possible If State Agrees

this traffic artery through the township if successful.

may be accomplished in 1952.

gineers last week to discuss the

project. It would include the pos-sible removal of the hump at

Main Entrance drive and new

The alternative to complete

reconstruction is a resurfacing

job with 21/2 inches of blacktop

which the state is prepared to do.

for the Southern section of Wash-

ington road is expected within

Another big repaying job being considered by Mt. Lebanon

officials in cooperation with the

State Highway Department would

recondition Beverly Road and

Federal Funds May Be Available

saving to the township if Federal

funds available through the state

can be obtained to match doll ar-

for-dollar the cost to the town-ship for the reconstruction of

The total cost of this project

is estimated at \$100,000, half of

which could be contributed by the

of the Allegheny County Highway

Department to widen and improve

Road to the township line is also

Bower Hill Road from Cochran

Immediate action on the part

these widely used highways.

This may be done at a large

Cedar Blvd.

State.

Decision on the paving plans

curbs.

Blacktop is Alternative

Reconstruction of Washington Road from the end of the new

Negotiations instituted by Mt. Lebanon officials with the

State Highway Department would complete the reconstruction of

Township representatives met with the State Highway en-

this project.

existing streets.

through bond issues.

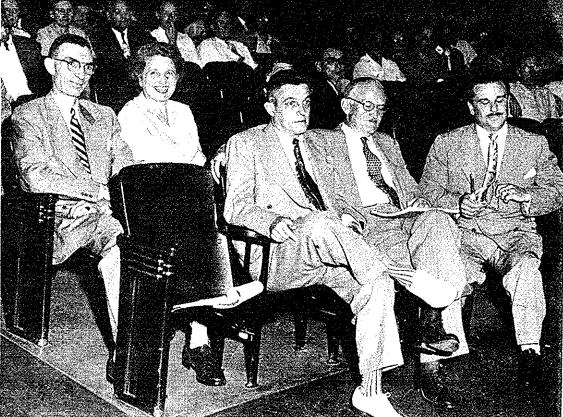
Washington Road

and sidewalks.

the contract is let

millage.

section paved last year near Alfred Street to Ordale Boulevard



Members of the Mt. Lebanon Planning Commission strike various poses of contemplation as they listen to a citizens remarks on the Master Plan at the Town Meeting this week. In the back row. Lawrence Rank and Mrs. F. C. Wagner seem amused at the remarks of the speaker. Francis McMichael studies the technicalities of the re-

marks as Robert J. Bassett stydies his notes. Mr. Hoover rests after delivering his talk on the theory and operation of zoning priciples. About 150 citizens attended the meeting and stayed until midnight discussing the various clauses with members of the hard working planning commission.