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# THE EARLY YEARS

By Mrs. Luella Rodgers Frazier

History records that in 1669-70 Robert Chevalier DeLaSalle and his voyagers came gliding down the Allegheny on a journey which he believed might lead him to China. The explorer was but 26 years old. One wonders what he might have said to his aides as the expedition passed the stone wall which is now New Kensington. Surely he must have asked some question about the great wide valley of Pucketos Creek. Perhaps the party may even have encamped here and made minor explorations.

Certainly the area was in that day totally uninhabited by the white man. It was the Indian's hunting ground — — forest primeval. Woodlands full of wild animals, streams full of fish.

Before the formation of Westmoreland County, all the vast regions of this continent were, according to the system of the English Government, the property of the English King, to do with as he pleased. To satisfy a debt owing from the Crown to Admiral William Penn, a donation of the tract now commonly known as Pennsylvania was granted to William Penn, son and heir to the creditor, a Quaker in religion, and a favorite in the Court of Charles II.

Governor Penn proposed to purchase, from the Indians, all of their titles to the occupancy of the land. By treaty with the Five Nations, in 1736, all land within the boundaries of Penn's territories were claimed to have been purchased. This treaty was supplanted by another made in Albany in 1754, when the Indians of the Five Nations (later six) conveyed to the Penns' all the "lands westward to the setting of the sun". The Five Nations were the tribes of the Mohawks, the Oneidas, the Cayugas, the Onondagas and the Senecas (later they admitted the Tuscaroras to their Nations). With the influence of the French, the Indians claimed that they did not understand the limits of the purchase, and that lands were conveyed which did not belong to the tribes making the conveyance, giving rise to further disputes. Despite these disagreements, the colony grew and flourished for more than 60 years under wise policies instituted by Penn, and carried out by his successors. But as yet all settlements were confined to the east of the Susquehanna, and the Indians still held northwestern Pennsylvania.



Pucketos Creek at 4th Street in 1890

Through many causes the Indians who claimed these western parts were, before the middle of the century (1750) confined to their reservation on the Ohio River, a name which embraced the river we now call "Allegheny".

The French used their influence to represent themselves as the only true friends of the Indians. This caused much enmity between the tribes for the advantage of the French King and the harrassment of the white settlers.

During the Revolutionary War the Penns sided with the Crown and against the colonies. On the 28th of June, 1779, the Divesting Act was passed by the Continental Congress, and by this Act, all Tories were stripped of their land titles and the titles were vested in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Accordingly, all titles to proprietorial lands within these bounds are traceable to the State, and are not of an earlier date than the year 1779.

Cumberland County was erected in 1750, and from it Bedford County was constituted March 9, 1771. With the opening of the land offices, the flood gates were open for the invasion of the white race into the wilderness and woods of Western Pennsylvania. The land was priced at 5 pounds sterling per 100 acres and one penny quit-rent per annum. The settlers were mostly second generation Scotch-Irish and Germans. They settled along the rivers, feeling that this land would quickly grow in value. With this growth came the settlement of Westmoreland County, named for a town in England which was similar to our County in topography. Westmoreland was legislatively established on the 6th of February, 1773.

Westmoreland County began its civil existence as the eleventh of the original provincial counties and was the last one erected under the hereditary proprietaries and under the reigh of the English Law. The territory included in Westmoreland embraced all the southwestern part of Pennsylvania. The authorities did not feel safe in taking in any territory west of Fort Pitt on the Ohio River, nor did they feel safe about the western boundry, for the Mason and Dixon line had not been completed farther west than the western part of Maryland. Virginia claimed all territory in Pennsylvania west of the mountains. It was Penn's hope to assert their claims as against those of Virginia.

Arthur St. Clair was the Penn's representative in this western area. He vigilantly watched their interests here. He saw the need for a county west of the Allegheny Mountains and petitioned that Bedford was too remote to spread any civil government over this section. An element of trappers and hunters had moved into these parts who flaunted what laws there were.

St. Clair was appointed prothonotary and clerk of courts of the new County. His education, military service and prominence, made him the most distinguished man of the west at this time. Though he had been educated in England and was an English Army Office, there was not the least danger of his becoming a Tory. On the contrary, he had the most radical views on the impending difficulty between Great Britian and the Colonies. His espousal of the American cause was one of the most independent and significant acts of his eventful life. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War St. Clair was a Colonel in the Continental Army. He could well be called "Father of Westmoreland."

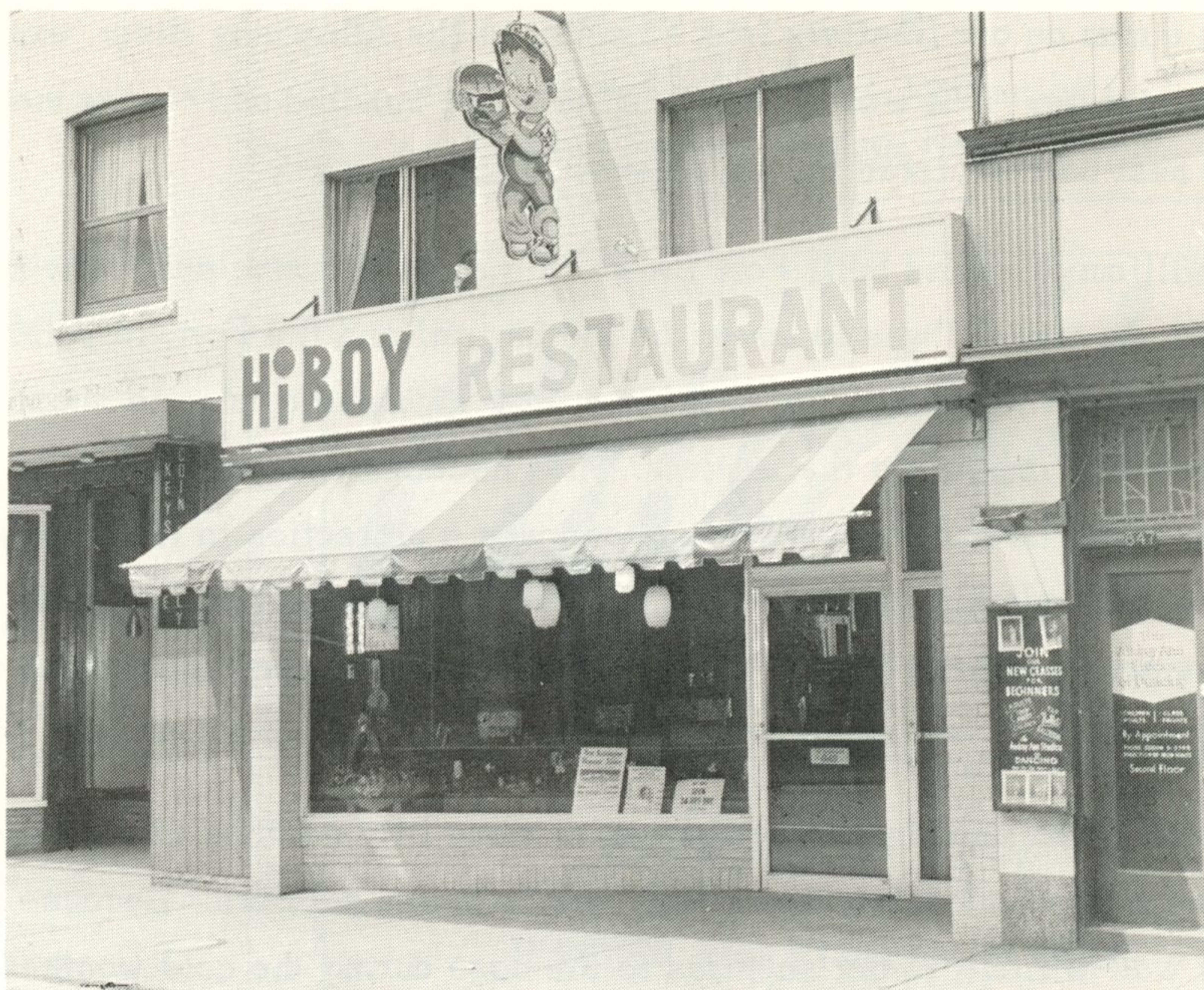
St. Clair had served in the Indians Wars and was very aware of the trouble these tribes visited on the settlers of Westmoreland County. He made the Commandant at Fort Pitt aware of these maraudings and steps were taken to give aid to the valley.

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Many forts were erected. Fort Hand was erected on a farm in the present Washington Township, one mile north of North Washington. General Hand, who commanded Fort Pitt, strengthened and rebuilt it, and it took his name. The General took most of his men on an expedition and it was reported at Fort Pitt that there was "not a man on our frontiers from Ligonier to the Allegheny River, except a few at Fort Hand, on Continental pay". It was then ordered that one hundred and twenty men "be placed at such stations as would best be calculated for the defense of the County".

Colonel William Crawford built Fort Crawford a short distance above the mouth of the Puckety Creek. The purpose of the Fort, as given, "was to cover the Indian trail and the Fort, to patrol the river from below the second bend and above to Fort Armstrong, below what is now Kittanning, also to scout the Pucketos Creek valley." The Fort served as a retreat for the settlers; when necessary it was a rallying point for the scouts who patrolled the region when the Indians were about, and was a protection to the troops who garrisoned it. Fort Crawford was a stockade fort and may have covered about two acres. An early resident said he could find part of the parapet of the Fort in 1856. The fort was not very substantial and proved hard to maintain, however it was used, more or less regularly, for about sixteen years.

Fort Crawford was used by the settlement of some fifty persons as a refuge during Indian attacks, a storehouse for munitions and supplies, and to house soldiers. Because of the river freezing over in winter, it was difficult to get supplies to the base during the cold weather. The few settlers were able to raise only enough food for their own use. As a result the soldiers abandoned the fort during the winter months returning again in the spring. The Indians seemed content to hug their own camp fires during winter and rarely made any attacks on the settlements. The fort was abandoned in 1793, but the Indians did not cease their harassments until 1810.

A portion of the Manse grounds of the Parnassus Presbyterian Church was once an Indian burial mound. Several times graves have been opened, Indian artifacts found, the bones of the savages examined. In 1942 the Massy Harbison Chapter, NSDAR, erected a large boulder to commemorate the historic site of Fort Crawford. A bronze plaque upon it has a fitting inscription.

In no part of the county were Indian names more common, nor the remains of Indians more easily found than in this section of Western Pennsylvania. Rivers, Creeks, towns, Indian lookouts, and grave yards were given Indian names.

The area that is Westmoreland County had been opened only six years for settlement when the Revolutionary War began. It had been erected as a County less than three years before the war was started. The county was almost entirely a community of farmers and struggling pioneers, with two small towns, Hannastown and Pittsburg (Fort Pitt) neither with a population of over three hundred. Westmoreland had the proud distinction, as records show, of furnishing more men for the various branches of the Revolutionary army than the entire city of Philadelphia.

While most of the men were serving with the Continental Army, the Indians opened a bloody attack against this unprotected frontier. The Indians joined with the British against the settlers because of the alluring rewards offered by the English Officers for scalps. It was easy for the Indians to join the British — they both regarded the settler as an intruder. Assisting and often directing activities in the attack against the settlers were White Tories, who were cruel and merciless to the point of being inhuman.





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Indians, who had annoyed the settlers around Fort Pitt during 1778 and 1779 came from Ohio, or from the headwaters of the Allegheny River. The Senecas of the upper Allegheny were the strongest of the Six Nations, their men were sagacious, courageous and cruel. Their chief leaders at this period were Cornplanter and Guyasuta. The Seneca wigwams in the Allegheny valley exhibited hundreds of scalps as trophies of their incursions into Western Pennsylvania.

History records stories of brave men and women who escaped from the red marauders, hiding their families and themselves. The plight of Massy Harbison and her family is history of the times in our valley. It is told, and retold, of her bravery and daring, her hardships were almost unbearable. She lived through them and finished her life span in the valley of her horrors.

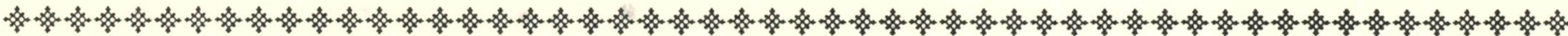
The first settlers of this region were from Virginia and from the Cumberland Valley of Eastern Pennsylvania. Their path of migration closely followed our Pennsylvania Turnpike, with a difference — the settlers went *over* the mountains not *through* them. This trek led through a trackless wilderness. It was made on foot, or on horseback if they were affluent enough to own a horse. They drove livestock before them, with the children riding awhile and then walking a great part of the way. They brought with them such tools and implements as they could carry — that were most essential for the establishment of their home. Often the father would come out to this place and live for a year or two to see whether his family would be likely to survive if they settled in this valley. Their cabins were made of hand hewn logs, and their furniture was still growing in the forest.

In April, 1769, John Little paid, to the Government of Pennsylvania, the sum of \$181.76 for a parcel of land containing 300 acres, more or less. He named the site "Parnassus" and this is the first time we find this name used in the Allegheny Valley. Benjamin Armitage purchased the adjoining acreage which he called "Hermitage" and this became New Kensington. Three hundred acres adjacent to "Hermitage" were purchased by Robert McCrea and this was later Arnold. These three parcels of land comprised the present area from Logan's Ferry north to Valley Camp.

When Parnassus was given its name, the Revolutionary War had not been fought, so the patent for this land was not granted to John Little by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until July 20, 1781. The patent description was "beginning at a Spanish White Oak opposite the Sewickley Old Town (Springdale), and bounded on the East by barren land etc". Pennsylvania, one of the original States of the American Union, came into existence subsequent to the application of the name "Parnassus" to the district. Therefore, the name "Parnassus" antedates the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, and the birth of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This district was first part of Allegheny Township, which was organized in 1796, and received its name from the River that formed its northwest boundry. The first officers were: Supervisors, Ezekiel Matthews, and John Leslie; Constable, Thomas Reed. Among the early settlers of Allegheny Township were the Stewart family in 1790; the Leechburgs in 1791; Watts (William and John) in 1801; Hills, Cochran, Hawks, before 1800; Butlers, Alters, Wilsons, Longas, McKees, Copelands, Armstrongs, Ashbaughs, ere 1828.

Massy Harbison, at the time of her abduction by the Indians, lived in Allegheny Township at the headwaters of Chartiers Creek. She and her husband were the first settlers in this district. The township, from its peculiar position between the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas River, was especially subject to Indian outrages at a time when the remainder of the County was enjoying comparative security.

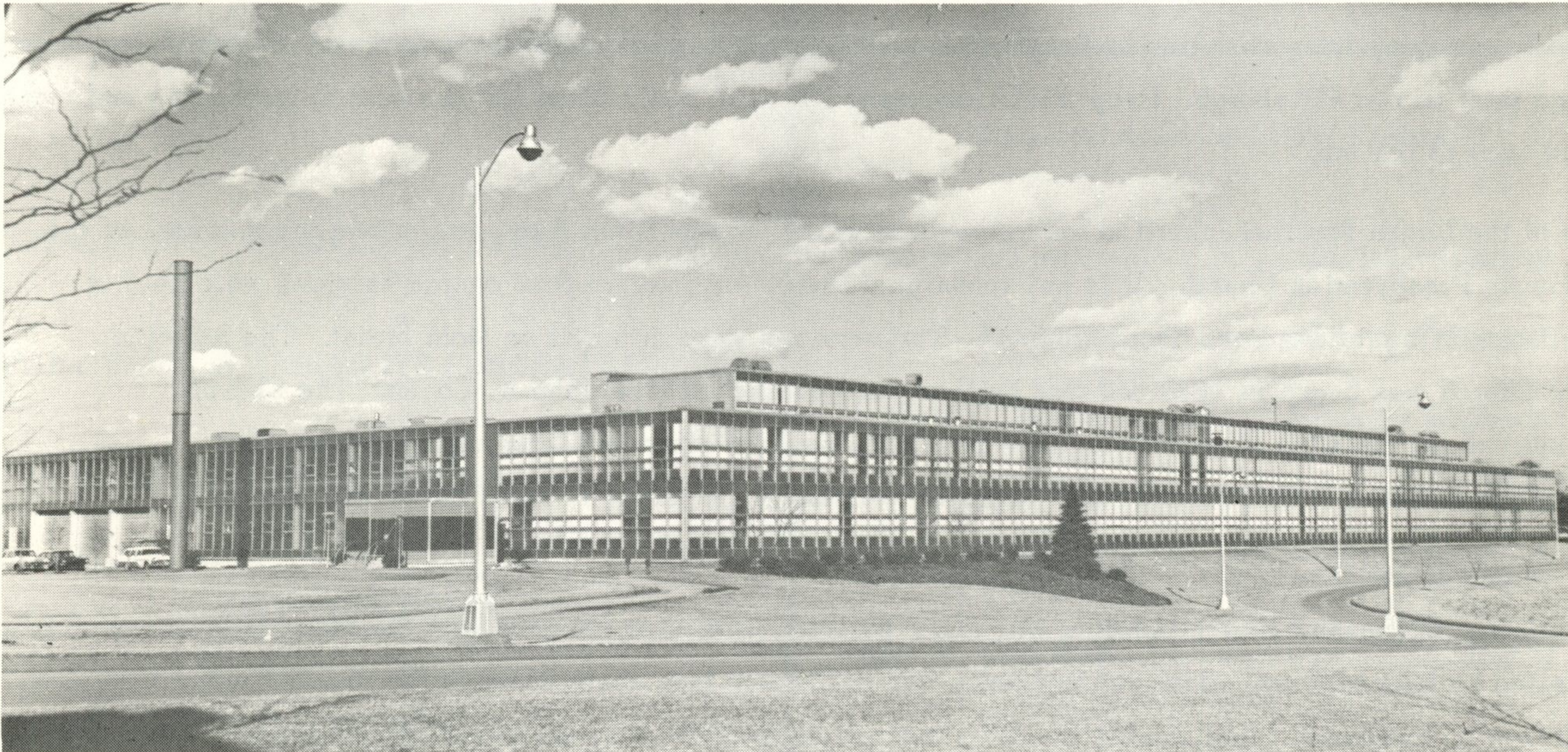


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The Logan Family was closely associated with this district's early history. The family held the original charter from the English Government, deeding the land to John Little. The second owner was John W. Woods, of Pittsburgh, and the third was Alexander Logan. Alexander first settled in Springdale (Sewickly Old Town) and he had the first Post Office there. He was an agent for eastern land owners at that time. A log cabin was built for their home and Mrs. Logan told of many times preparing breakfast with several Indian braves sitting in her kitchen. Sometimes these friendly braves became marauding savages, and the family had to flee to Fort Pitt for safety. The Logans Ferry U. P. Church was built on part of the River Farm purchased from Alexander Logan.

The story is told of the time that Aaron Burr stopped at Logan's Inn for several days just after his duel with Alexander Hamilton. That was before newspapers and letters were infrequent luxuries. Thus, the Logans did not know about the duel and did not recognize Mr. Burr. At that time he was on his way to Blennerhasset Island to enlist Blennerhasset's assistance in the scheme to build a new empire in the southwest at the expense of Mexico.

Charles Dickens was a visitor at Logan's Inn during one of his visits to the United States, and he mentions the old inn in his book "Our Mutual Friend". The inn was located near the river at a spot where cable towers of the West Penn Power Co. have been erected.

In the Spring many rafts were tied to the landing near Logan's Inn, where the raftmen spent the night, before continuing their trip to Pittsburgh. People that journeyed by canal boats often left the boat at Springdale and came over by the ferry to the Inn.

Some of the Logan families inherited land in what is now Parnassus and they were among the founders of the Parnassus Presbyterian Church. It is not known just the exact time the first church services were held in the village, it must have been about 1836/37. The services were in a hall on Main Street. The building of the Church was begun in 1840 and was built on land purchased from John W. Logan. The Church was built along the edge of a cemetery then in use for several years and later enlarged to become the Church Cemetery. One Revolutionary soldier, Alexander Logan, is interred there, with his wife and some of his family. His grave bears a government marker.

The original Parnassus church building was sixty by forty, with slab benches with the round side of the slab under, supported by legs of rough wood, one end smoothed and driven into auger holes in the rounded side of the slab. It was not an uncommon thing, during the services, for children to go to sleep and fall off the seat. It has also been left on record, that some older people did the same thing.

There was no church in the village before this time, the question of denomination arose for the new congregation. Mrs. Elizabeth Logan, wife of Hugh Logan, Sr., was of Episcopalian persuasion. To have a church nearby was very important in her life. She went by horseback and surveyed the people round about as to their preference in denomination. When the majority preferred the Presbyterian services, she was loyal to the will of the majority and through the remainder

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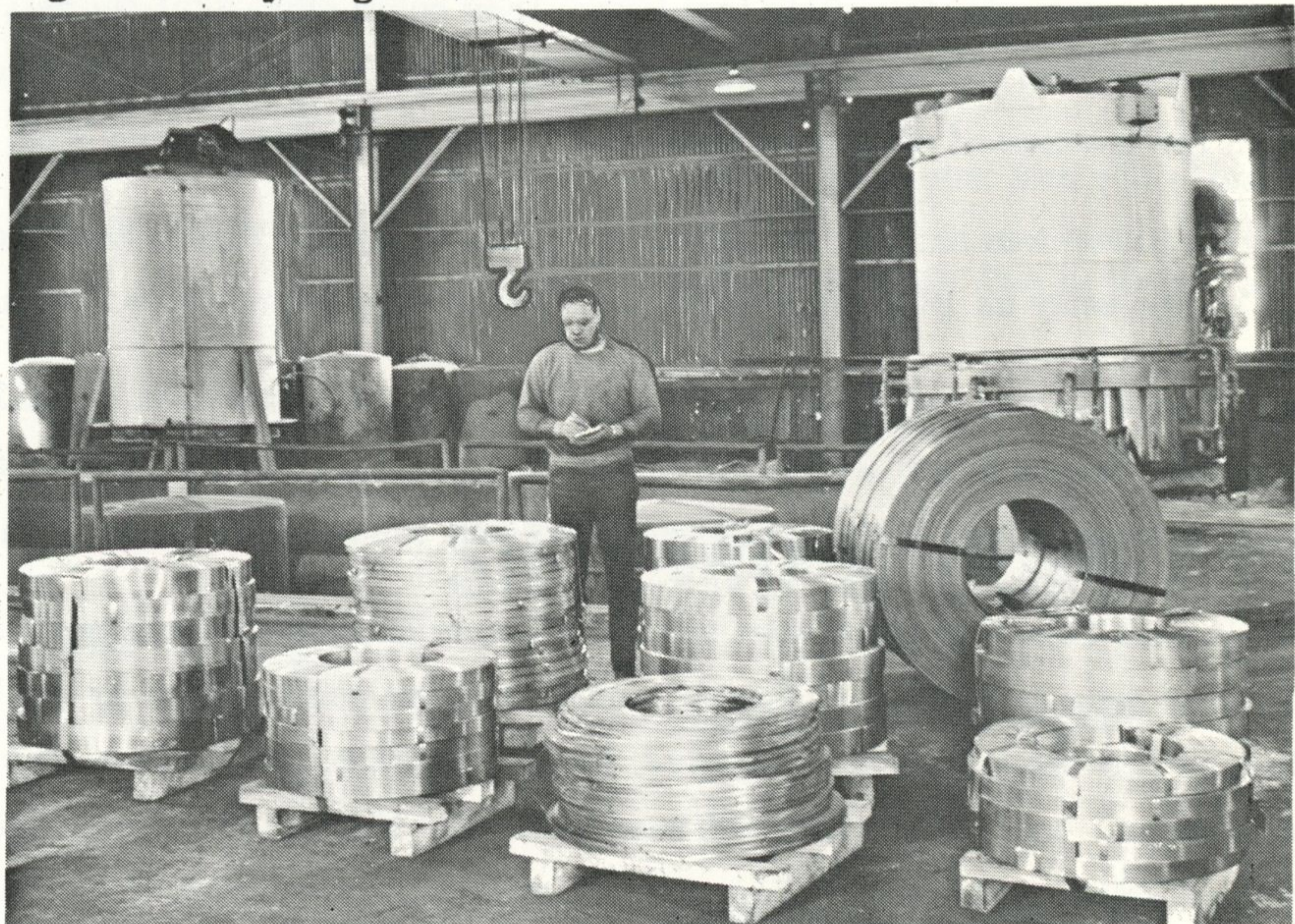
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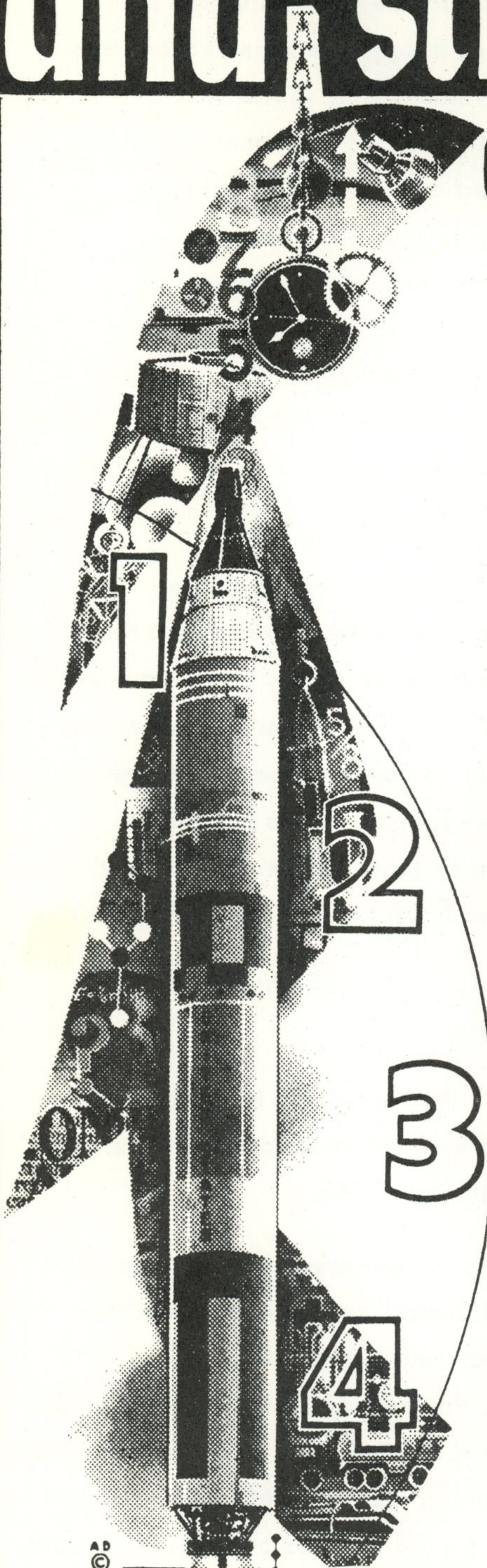
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of her life served faithfully in the Parnassus Presbyterian Church, and raised her family in the Church of her adoption.

The condition of the schools in 1834, when the first free-school law was enacted, was extremely rustic. The districts were few in number and the houses built of logs and poorly seated, only rude slabs without a back support. The discipline was often enforced by the free use of the birch, for moral suasion was not tolerated. Female teachers were not employed prior to 1834, in fact the idea of a "girl" teaching school was a wonderful thing to think about. The attendance was quite irregular, as many had a great distance to go. Among the teachers were Samuel Owens, Luther Wills, George Crawford, Robert Jeffrey, Samuel McConnel and Wilson Sprull. If any one desired to teach, he would first apply to a member of the school committee, and if he "looked fit to teach", he was then sent to some "very learned man" to be examined, who after a few scattered questions had been asked on the different branches taught, was pronounced duly qualified, and immediately entered upon his duties. The wages ranged from ten to twenty dollars per month. From 1845 to 1860, the following men were among the most prominent teachers: D. McKee; W. R. Trout; James Hawk; and others.

Immediately after the close of the Revolutionary War, the people very generally turned their attention to the subject of internal improvements, and chiefly to the matter of transportation. The opening of the canal along the Allegheny River to Pittsburg was fifty years before the incorporation of Parnassus as a Borough (or about 1825). Most of this area was then farmland. The canal boats carried their produce to market, and carried passengers in comparative luxury. The passenger boats, drawn by two horses, left the dock at six o'clock in the evening, and arrived in Pittsburgh at four in the morning for a fare of twelve and one-half cents including bunk, meals were served for the same price. The first boats were from six to eight feet wide and approximately sixty feet long. They could carry as many as seventy passengers in addition to their freight load. Boats carrying farm produce from the district were drawn by three horses. Early residents say that the location of what is now Barsky's Hotel, was once a canal stop, with the passengers fording the river.

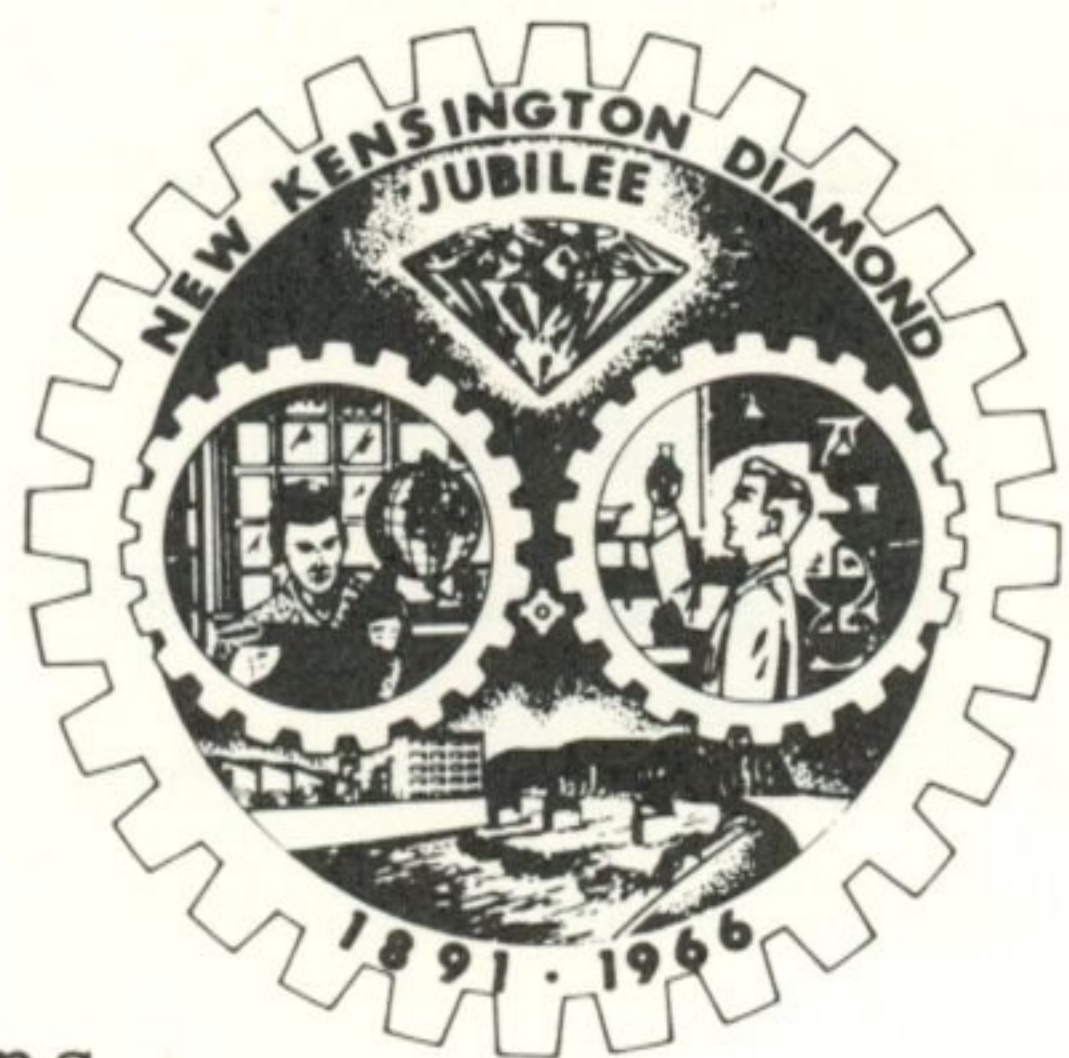
The first railway was built by the Pittsburg (Kittanning) and Warren Railroad Co., later Allegheny Valley R.R. Co. As early as 1856 rail service was furnished as far north as Kittanning.

Burrell Township was taken from Allegheny Township and organized in 1852. The territory it included was New Kensington, Arnold, Upper Burrell Township and the City of Lower Burrell as we know them today. It was named in honor of Judge J. Murry Burrell, who was President Judge of the Court when it was erected.

Within Burrell Township there were several villages and railroad stations. McLaughlintown was in the south-east part of what is now Upper Burrell, and in a region early settled by the McLaughlins, Kunkles, Swanks, Wylies, McClintocks, Cockrans, Byerlys, Burrys, Hunters, and Borlins. It had a store, post-office and several shops. Two miles northwest were Milligans' Mills. Going north from Parnassus, the first station on the Allegheny Valley R. R. was Arnold, near which was the residence of Captain R. P. Crawford. Here were located the salt-works and oil refinery of Porter, Crawford & Co. Chartiers Station laid in the northwest part of the present Lower Burrell Township, and was an important shipping point. Near it lived the old families of Leslies, Shearer, Goldinger, George, Miller, Reed and others.

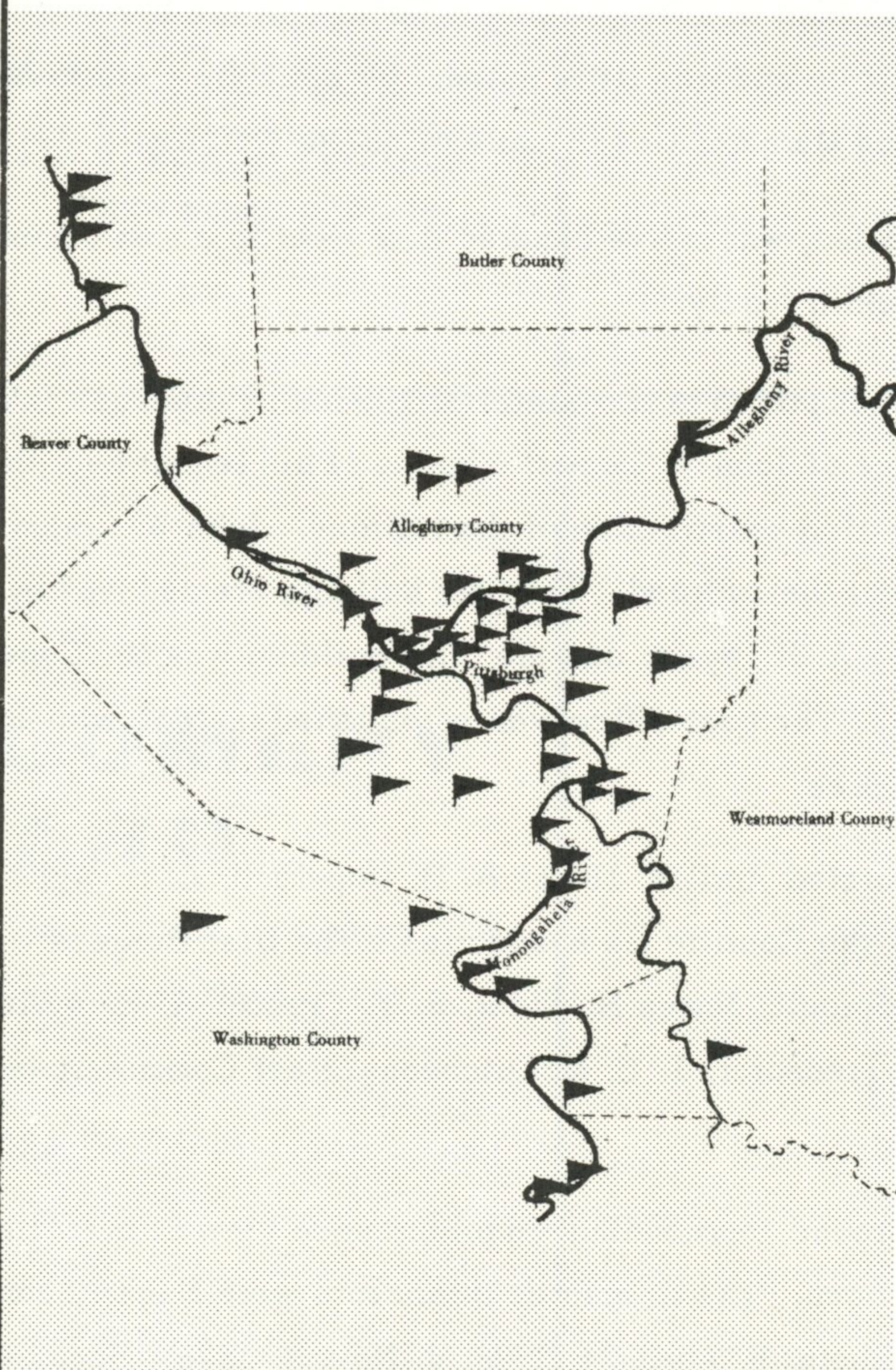
Nearly all of the early settlers of Burrell Township were of Scotch-Irish extraction. The Crooks family, located on the Pucketos Creek in 1791, and came from Antietam Creek. William Ross was born in Ireland, and on his arrival in this country, first located in Franklin and Adams Counties, moved here in 1794. John Ross followed in 1801, John

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| WHITE OAK        | BETHEL PARK               |
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| FOREST HILLS     | HAZELWOOD                 |
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| BRENTWOOD        | EAST LIBERTY              |
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| NEW EAGLE        | DORMONT                   |
| EASTLAND         | MIDTOWN                   |
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| WILLIAM PENN     | BEAVER                    |
| PENN HILLS       | ROUTE 30 PLAZA            |
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died June 23, 1927, aged fifty-four years. William Ross married Esther Reid of Greencastle April 19, 1803, and died at age eighty-seven years on August 28, 1849. John Stewart settled in 1804 with his brother William, who died April 19, 1850, aged sixty-eight years. John Bales settled here in 1805. These men were among the founders of the Puckety Presbyterian Church. Among other early settlers were the McLaughlins, Millers, Hummels (David Hummel died May 23, 1867, aged sixty-nine years) Donnells, Hunters, Skillens, Blacks, Moores, Logans, Shearers, Leslie's, Swanks, Milligans, Woolslayers, Rowans, Ludwigs, Dugans, Youngkins, Fredericks, Kunkles, McCutchens and Ashbaughs, among others.

One of the first pioneers was James Johnston. He was a Revolutionary soldier who had served with the distinction under the command of General Anthony Wayne. He lived to be one hundred and three years old and was buried with full military honors in Dugans Graveyard on Greensburg Road.

David Alter came to Pucketos Creek from Cumberland County. His father was born in Switzerland and emigrated to America before the Revolution. He married Elizabeth Mill, his sister married Governor Ritner. His eldest daughter became the wife of Major George Dugan, and his eldest son, Joseph, was the father of Dr. David Alter. David Alter Jr. was born in 1775, he was a Captain in the War of 1812. He was an inventor that was far ahead of his times and was little noted. He built the "Alters Mills" on the Pucketos. His son, Joseph, married Margaret C. Dinsmore of an early family.

One of the first lands entered, or patented, was a five hundred acre tract to a man named Wharton, which was subsequently purchased by the McLaughlin family.

When the Allegheny Valley R. R. was completed in the winter of 1855-56, Parnassus Borough consisted of the Presbyterian Church, the farm residence of John W. Logan, a house of his tenant near the church, and the dwelling of Alexander Cook, erected during construction of the railroad. John W. Logan laid out the town immediately after the completion of the railroad. The first building erected was by A. B. Copeland for his store (the first here), the second by A. H. Wylie, and the third building was Mr. Copeland's residence (burned in 1868), the fourth the "Eagle Hotel". The post office was established in 1856 with John W. Logan as postmaster. His successor was George L. Lee.

The Borough of Parnassus was incorporated April 9, 1872. A. B. Copeland, A. H. Wylie and W. R. Logan with Samuel Skillen were appointed by the Court to fix boundaries. The first Burgess was John Fluke, the Councilmen were J. C. Stewart, W. J. Sproull, James H. Elder, S. Y. Crusan, A. H. Wylie, W. J. Wentz, W. R. Logan, Stephen Hughan, Clerk, D. S. Dewalt, Treasurer, J. C. McCutcheon; Street Commissioner William Bright, High Constable J. W. Neff.

Round Hill Cemetary was located on ground commanding "a picturesque view of the Allegheny River", which was donated by the late Hugh Logan. The first three interments were Hugh Logan, b. Dec. 3, 1788, d. June 29, 1873; his wife, Elizabeth, b. April 24, 1798, d. Nov. 3, 1878. Nancy Hultz, b. Nov. 17, 1802, d. Nov. 28, 1878.

From its infancy, Parnassus was a prosperous Borough. This fact coupled with the natural resources of the formation of the Burrell Improvement Co. and to their securing the unimproved lands in and north of Parnassus to Valley Camp. This property had been owned by three men, Capt. Crawford, Dr. Alexander Young, a professor at the Allegheny Theological Seminary, and Mr. Stephen Young, who lived his latter days on Freeport Road, once a part of his original farm.





First Row seated, from left, William Heavner, Councilman; Richard Slater, Councilman;  
 Earl Hill, Mayor; Wallace Reimer, Councilman; John Faldowski, Councilman;  
 Second Row standing, from left, Frank Duda, City Clerk; Earnest Fiorina, Controller;  
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The Burrell Improvement Co. was a concern which had achieved phenomenal success in land dealings in the Pittsburgh area. In February, 1891, Samuel E. Moore, became President of the Company. Mr. Moore was born in Pittsburgh and had the reputation of being the leading expert accountant in that City. The Burrell Improvement Co. purchased, July, 1890, a large tract of land situated 18 miles from Pittsburg, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, and in June, 1891 laid out the town of Kensington. The Biographers of Mr. Moore projected that his foresight entitled him to be immortalized as the founder of the town which sprang into existence as if by magic.

The Improvement Company offered free transportation from Pittsburgh for those who would come to view the site of the land sale. About 15,000 people were attracted. The price scale of the first several hundred lots was from \$30 to \$300. Residents sold their cattle and raised money as best they could to "get in on the ground floor". That they were prudent is born out by the fact that many purchasers doubled their investments in less than a month. The first lot sold was at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street. The third lot sold was at the corner of Tenth Street and Fifth Avenue to D. A. Leslie, where he opened the first drug store.

The sale continued for three days. The first days sale realized \$63,000, at the end of the third day the staggering amount of \$135,000 had been paid for lots with corn growing on them, and only a plowed furrow marked the boundaries of each section and each lot. Muslin signs were displayed bearing the names of proposed manufacturing plants, yet to be built. The Kensington boom was literally without precedent in Pennsylvania, and it was all the more remarkable when the permanent results were noted.

By 1892 five hundred houses had been built and all were crowded. Judge Doty of the Westmoreland County Courts made the order to incorporate the Borough of New Kensington on November 28, 1892. The territory included the present site of Arnold and New Kensington, including all the territory north of Parnassus Borough to Valley Camp, to be operated as one local municipality. February 21, 1891, was the date fixed for the election of the first officers.

Many problems arose in the beginning of the Community. A very serious dispute arose after the first election. Two political parties were in the field, the Citizens' Party and the Peoples' Party. The election board returned the correct tally of the votes showing that the candidates of the Peoples' Party had been elected. The Board then proceeded to issue certificates to the losing candidates. The case was brought before Judge Doty who sided with the Peoples' Party and issued a writ directing the election board to make a true return and in the face of their own return, to issue certificates to the minority candidates. The first Council Meeting was held on March 15, of the year 1893, in the office of Horace G. Durbin, Esq. Dr. E. E. Patton was elected President of the Council at the meeting. D. M. McCarty was the first Burgess but he soon resigned to become the first Postmaster.

Various mergers were proposed with other municipalities, the first was in January, 1895. This was a wild scheme to make New Kensington part of Pittsburgh. It was one of the first "Greater Pittsburgh" ideas. It was not carried out because of the lack of enthusiasm involved with the scheme.

At first, our Borough was called Kensington after Kensington, England, but the Post Office discovered that there was already a Kensington in Pennsylvania. Therefore, the prefix "New" was added. The town grew overnight. It might have been called a "boom town" originally, but that boom was backed by solid worth and the growth was of the substantial kind that is most valuable.

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From the first election held in 1891, there were political problems. The Borough was divided into two wards, with the area now Arnold being the Second Ward. In October, 1895, a movement was begun to incorporate Second Ward as a separate borough. Since the withdrawal seemed the only hope for peace, there was no opposition to the separation of the two communities. The incorporation and separation was completed in January, 1896.

In 1930, Valley Heights, Valley Camp and East Kensington areas were annexed from Lower Burrell Township. In 1931 Parnassus and New Kensington consolidated to function as one municipal government.

One of the local historians relates, that every train was obliged to stop at Arnold. Under terms of the right-of-way, given to the Pennsylvania Railroad, the conductor of every train had to stop and register in a little shelterhouse erected near the old Arnold Station — regardless of the type of train. When the Railroad abandoned the registration, the right-of-way was cancelled. The folks of Arnold always had the laugh on their New Kensington neighbors who came from Pittsburgh, or elsewhere, and had to alight in Arnold, for the reason that none of the fast trains stopped at New Kensington.

The industry that sprang up in New Kensington was the major substance of the growth of the City. In 1886, Charles Martin Hall perfected the process of securing pure aluminum from its oxide. That discovery gave impetus to the development of New Kensington, and gave it the appellation of "The Aluminum City". The mother plant of the industry was established in 1891, but regretfully none of the original buildings are now standing.

Some of the other industries that contributed to the expansion were the Excelsior Glass Works which manufactured lamp chimneys; there was the Sterling White Lead Co., Bradley Stove Works, Pennsylvania Tin Plate Co., Hunt Air Brake Works, Cold Rolled Steel Plant, an enameling works, a brewery, Glenn Drilling Co., Chambers Glass Works of Arnold, which became American St. Gobain among others.

New Kensington is seventy five years old. Only an infant in the passing of time. Her potential is ahead, her progress has just begun.

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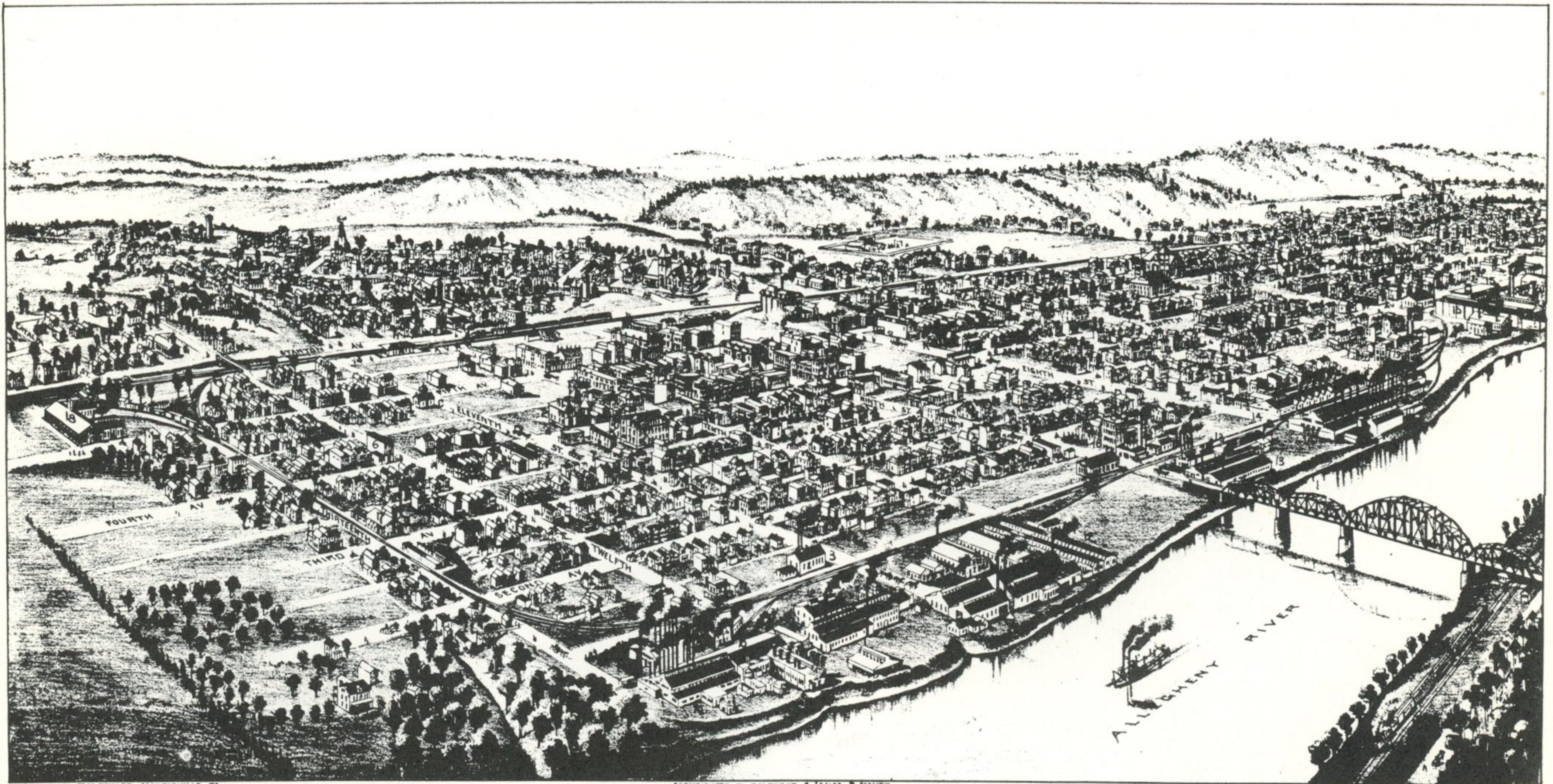
It would be a great service to our City if someone would write a comprehensive history of her past. So much cultural good has come from our City that will soon be lost to antiquity – because no one has written it down. Those who are most familiar with these legends are growing older and time will take her toll – the story will be lost forever.

I gratefully acknowledge the time and material so freely shared with me in gathering this material.

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# TWENTIETH CENTURY and NEW KENSINGTON

By Ben Beal  
of the Daily Dispatch

New Kensington and its people have never had any trouble making big news for themselves.

Many memorable moments in the community's history, however, arose from events and developments on a national scale—occurrences which stirred all America.

The city has maintained a quickening pace as procession of generations witnessed the early 1900's, the Roaring 20's, the Great Depression, New Deal, Nuclear Age and now the Space Age.

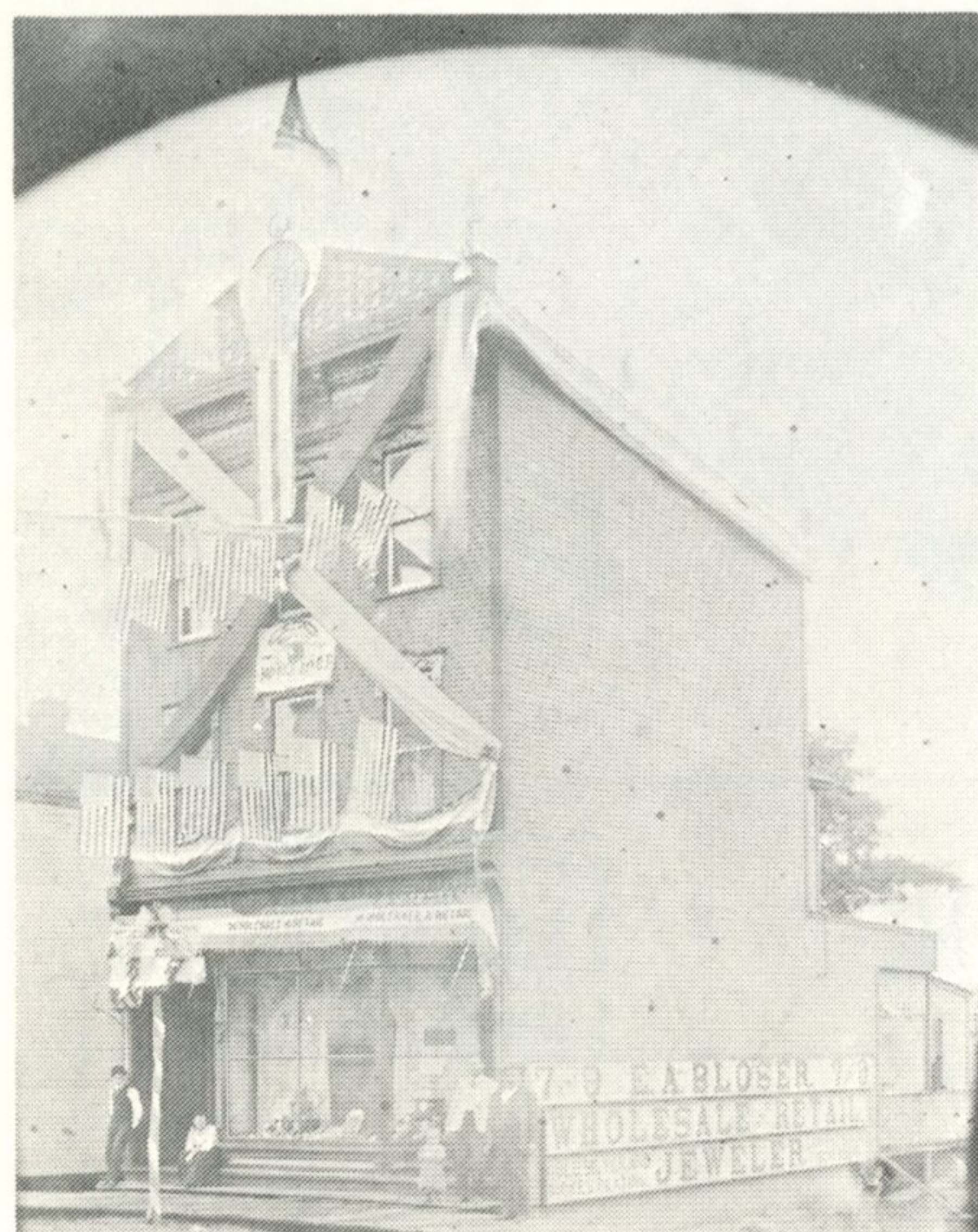
Throughout the hustle and bustle of these constantly changing times there has been exerted the tremendous influence of two world wars, the Korean conflict, the present battle in Viet Nam and even the Spanish-American War.

Beginning with New Kensington's Company D, which was stationed at Chickamauga during the Spanish-American War in 1898, the community has had its heroes in each skirmish.

The greatest impact of war came after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, More than 6,500 New Kensington area Young men answered the call to arms in the ensuing years. Nearly 200 never returned.

Residents at home pulled all stops to help the soldiers with the purchase of war bonds, victory gardens, tin can collection rationing of fuel and food stuffs and women going to work in factories.

The folks at home did more than their share and it was editorially stated no other American community showed greater enthusiasm to do its part during the critical times brought by the war.



Early stores about 1900—Blosers Jewelers on 10th Street. —Blosers Jewelry  
The Parade looking North from 9th St. to 10th Street on Fourth Ave. shows the buildings yet to come.

The war ended in 1945, shortly after the Nuclear Age was born with the dropping of atomic bombs in Japan. The terrible consequences of nuclear war was forgotten for a spell with peace being declared. There were celebrations from Maine to California, including dancing and parading in New Kensington's 5th Avenue.

The attitude of the residents during the last world conflict carried out previous examples set during earlier battles of a willingness to cooperate.

The death of two presidents, Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, brought long periods of mourning to New Kensington.

FDR, who died shortly before the end of World War II, was remembered for his New Deal and the WPA and PWA projects which put residents back to work and stopped the harrowing depression of the 1930's.

The community was not spared during the financial plunge. Unemployment prevailed, money was scarce and many went hungry. Roosevelt was looked upon as the hero who reversed the trend.

There were other economic slumps, particularly in the early 1900's and the recession in the 1950's, but they did not approach the seriousness of the Great Depression.

President Kennedy, inaugurated as the Space Age opened, was idolized by many residents as a vibrant leader with new ideas, a perfect symbol for a new era. JFK termed it the New Frontier, a potentially exciting age with great promise.

However the city, along with the rest of the country, experienced its greatest period of shock and mourning when an assassin's bullet cut down the youthful President in Dallas in 1963.

The awesome burden of the world's top office fell to President Lyndon B. Johnson who almost immediately opened the Great Society era. It included many federal programs designed to assist citizens in all walks of life and also combat poverty.

Many of the federal programs are now underway in New Kensington and more are on the drawing boards.

The city has closely followed nationwide trends of industry and perhaps the greatest period of growth came after the turn of the century when factories came upon boom times. New Kensington appeared to be progressing more rapidly than many larger metropolitan areas.

Persons flocked to the community to seek new homes and set off a population boom as industry after industry indicated a desire to locate here.

New Kensington was being compared with Swansea, Wales, as the world's largest tin producing town. It also claimed the largest window glass factory and later became known as the aluminum capital of the world.

Health problems were always of concern and New Kensington residents felt the onslaught of smallpox and influenza epidemics which swept the country in the early part of the 20th century.

Parents were relieved throughout the city and country in the 1950's when medicine's greatest breakthrough was scored after the Salk polio vaccine proved a great success.

Many other ideas and innovations have been introduced around the nation during the past half-century and it

didn't take New Kensington residents long to catch on.

There was prohibition in the 1920's but there was some resistance in the city if the number of police raids are any indication. The auto boom came and New Kensington found itself with traffic and parking problems, like the rest of the country.

Renaissance became a common term in the 1950's .New Kensington was an early starter in this field and fruits of success are beginning to be shown. In the 1st Ward, Parnassus and several other areas,,including the proposed 9th Street project.

Racket probers were no strangers in the city during the reign of Atty. Gen. Kennedy. Investigations throughout the country led to many arrests and New Kensington was no exception.

A thing called daylight saving time was introduced in the 1930's amid much pro and con discussion and New Kensington residents couldn't make up their mind— —one year it was in and the next it was abolished.

There was one business feature introduced in 1903 in New Kensington and it has become increasingly popular each year— —the trading stamps.

Be it 1891 or 1966 New Kensington has been a vibrant part of the American Scene. As you read the individual histories of our many organizations the story of a community which has always looked forward will unfold. New Kensington continues to move ahead in this twentieth century.



This Parade Scene circa 1900 looking north on 5th Ave. from 9th St. to 10th Street shows that Fifth Avenue 1966 was just a dream to come. —Blosers Jewelers



# CHURCHES

## BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

The history of Beth Jacob Congregation through the first half century of its existence parallels the growth of our community. In 1892, New Kensington was incorporated as a borough. That same year saw the arrival of an immigrant, Isaac Claster, who settled here and opened the first clothing store in New Kensington.

By 1905, there were approximately twenty-five Jewish families in this area. However, there was no permanent location for religious services, and consequently they were held above downtown storerooms. In August of that year the first Synagogue was founded in the 1100 block of Third Ave. The Charter of Incorporation of Beth Jacob of New Kensington, however, was not granted until June 15, 1907. Isaac Claster became the charter president.

It is interesting to mention here, that since Beth Jacob Synagogue was the only Jewish house of worship in this vicinity, it was customary for the families from Tarentum and Natrona to come here by "horse and buggy" or "train" and spend the high holidays with relatives and friends. The first Sunday School picnic was held at a farm on the site now known as Mt. Vernon.

Due to the growth of the Jewish Congregation, the facilities of the Third Ave., building soon became inadequate. A residence at the corner of Kenneth and Ninth Sts. Extension was first rented and later purchased. It served as a recreational center, Sunday School and Hebrew School. After the sale of the Third Ave. Synagogue, the religious services had to be temporarily included in the functions of the community house.

Our present Synagogue at 1040 Kenneth Ave. was constructed in 1925. The President of the Synagogue at that time was Julius Eiges. The Dedication was held in 1926 when Meyer Hart became President.

The outgoing president is Joseph Herman; incoming officers for 1966-67 are: Robert Myers, President; Hy Lutsky, First Vice President; Dr. Herbert Miller, Second Vice President; Joseph Perr, Recording Secretary; Financial Secretary, Edwin Hart; Treasurer, Max Schwartz. The outgoing President for the Beth Jacob Sisterhood is Mrs. Bernard Eger. Mrs. Raymond Wikes will be President for the year 1966-67. The spiritual leader of the Beth Jacob Congregation is Rabbi Rudolph Loebel.

We present here a series of four churches pictures showing the great progress of our churches.



The First Beth Jacob Synagogue. - Margaret Glover



The present Beth Jacob Synagogue.

## **BETHEL COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH**

Bethel Church had its humble beginning in the Robert Hall residence in Lower Burrell. In December of 1953 Mr. Hall felt a strong desire to have a Methodist Church in the growing suburban area of Lower Burrell.

Through Mr. Hall's efforts a meeting was arranged with responsible parties of the denomination. Ultimately the decision was made to establish a church in the area and the small group of determined people began having worship services in Stewart School Auditorium.

A serious illness and subsequent untimely death prevented Mr. Hall from realizing his dreams, however, the seed he planted has grown to become an active community church.

Organization Day was September 12, 1954; Ground Breaking for the Sanctuary was December 8, 1957; Corner Stone Laying was June 15, 1958; First service in new building was August 3, 1958; Consecration was August 10, 1958; Ground Breaking for Education Unit was April 24, 1960; Consecration for Educational Unit was November 27, 1960.

Bethel, meaning House of God, took its name from Old Bethel Church which burned to the ground in Lower Burrell many years ago. Old Bethel Church was organized in 1843, the oldest Methodist in this area. Thus, although Bethel Methodist is one of the "Youngest" congregations in the district its heritage is the "Oldest".

## **BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Bethesda's exact beginnings are unknown. The earliest records show that, although more commonly called Bethesda, it was chartered St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church April 1, 1850, under the pastoral care of Rev. David Earhardt.

The church was located on the Ross Farm (near the present site of Jim Wolf's Garage on the Leechburg Road) to accommodate people in the Parnassus district and on the other side of the river. By 1862 the members from across the river had withdrawn to establish their own congregation. At a congregational meeting in April 1862 a vote was taken which resulted in the move to Yetter's School House, four miles east of the former site, in the Markle area.

In 1862 a new charter was obtained and the legal name of St. James was changed to Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church. The congregation went to work to build another church which was dedicated June 26, 1864.

In 1881 the Westmoreland Parish was formed with Bethesda and Christ Lutheran uniting under the same pastoral leadership. This union was enjoyed until 1939.

The future of Bethesda in its present location could only hold an eventual closing of the church due to its dwindling membership. Prospects for a church among the people along the Leechburg Road were most bright.

Reluctant as they were to leave the old church, the congregation agreed to make the move. The new church was dedicated March 31, 1940. The adjoining lot was purchased and a parsonage was built.

With the continual growth of the congregation, it was found necessary to expand facilities and on February 24, 1957 the enlarged sanctuary and parish education building were dedicated.

Today, under the pastoral care of Rev. Richard F. Price, Bethesda has 851 baptised members and once again crowded conditions exist. The congregation has entered the third stage of its building program in order to be better able to further the work of our Lord in this area.

## **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ARNOLD, PA.**

The early development of what is now, Calvary Lutheran Church, Arnold, Pa., took place in June 1922, following a survey of the community. Services were begun August 13 in the Arnold High School Auditorium. The service of organization was held November 12, 1922 presided over by The Rev. J. Elmer Bittle. The Constitution was adopted and the congregation formally named Calvary Lutheran Church.

The congregation extended a call to The Rev. L. M. Keller to become its first regular Pastor, on March 11, 1923. Authority was granted on March 11, 1923 to erect a temporary building in which to hold services. The congregation then approved plans for the present church building which was dedicated May 25, 1924.

Further additions were made to the church plant in 1955 when a new Educational Building and a new Parsonage were erected.

The congregation under the leadership of its present Pastor, The Rev. Raymond E. Agnew still remains as a witness to the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments.

## **FIRST BAPIST CHURCH**

The First Baptist Church of New Kensington, Pa. was founded in 1894 with the first church building being constructed in 1895 on the site of its present location, 884 Kenneth Avenue. Thirty two staunch Christians comprised the first congregation who chose Rev. John Owens as their pastor.

A growing congregation felt the need for an enlarged edifice; and in 1916 a new building was erected on the site of the original structure.

The churches outreach throughout the years, in addition to its preaching mission, included the following:

A mission school in Valley Heights, members of the congregation entering the ministry and missionary service, a radio ministry over local station WKPA which began in 1940 and a non-denominational church school in the Aluminum City Terrace since 1947.

The church building was remodeled in 1942; and again extensively remodeled in 1964 along with the construction of an educational unit.

As a witness to its outreach in the year of New Kensington's Diamond Jubilee; the church is proud to announce that two of its young men, Mr. Frank Girdwood Jr. and Mr. Kenneth Pokrant, will be ordained into the Christian ministry this year. Several other young people are presently studying for full time Christian service.

It is the fond desire of the present pastor, Rev. J. R. MacGorman, and the congregation that its newly remodeled and enlarged facilities shall be used to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ and expand its witness to the community.

## **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

The First Christian Church on the corner of Woodmont Avenue and Locust Street was founded November 23, 1902. There were nine charter members. Meetings were held in private homes until January 1, 1903 when a hall was rented on Tenth Street and Fourth Avenue. Rev. W. H. Weisheit was called and began his duties as the first minister of the church in June 1903. Ten years later on August 16, 1914 the lot on Woodmont and Locust Street was purchased and May 23, 1915 the new church was dedicated with Rev. V. L. King

as minister. The parsonage was added in 1929, an addition to the lower level of the church was made in 1956 and a complete rejuvenation of the upper level was made in 1963.

Nineteen ministers have served the church including the present minister Rev. Boyd Keys who began his duties January 9, 1966. Reverend Keys formerly served in Claysville, Pa. Mr. John Wingrove is Chairman of the Official Board also Superintendent of the church school.

The First Christian Church has continued to grow in service and in stature throughout the years and during recent years the missionary and benevolent giving of the congregation has increased many fold.

## **FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**

The First Church of God, with general offices in Anderson, Indiana, was started here nearly sixty years ago. It was in the year 1907 that Rev. Maggie Householder began to conduct services in the homes of interested people. The first public building used for worship was the Conner Building on Ninth Street. Later the labor union hall in the McAllister Building and the Broad Building were used.

In the year 1925 the property on Woodmont Avenue was purchased. The first unit that was erected on this lot was an old portable schoolhouse that was moved here from Pittsburgh. This is still a part of the present structure.

In 1926 the Reverend W. Dale Frye became the first full-time pastor. He remained in this place of leadership for fifteen years. Another long term and faithful pastor of the church was the Reverend W. G. Weisbrod. It was under his leadership that the "Voice of Zion" broadcast was heard for nine years on station WKPA.

The congregation has had nine pastors and three interim pastors. The present pastor is the Reverend William Dreger.

At the present time the church has purchased lots on Chester Drive in Lower Burrell and plans to move to this location.

## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The First Lutheran Church of New Kensington was organized officially by the Rev. Carl Zinnsmeister, December 6, 1891. Three lots were donated to the congregation by the Burrell Improvement Company. The cornerstone for the church was laid on the present site August 7, 1892. The first structure was dedicated October 1, 1893. There were forty-two charter members of the church. Dr. Zinnsmeister was succeeded by Rev. E. F. Dickey. Pastor Upton A. Hankey began his work in 1902. Under his leadership, the church became self-supporting and outgrew its original structure.

The cornerstone for the new church was laid June 27, 1915. Dr. Hankey passed away the following week. Dr. George W. Englar dedicated the church March 19, 1916. In 1957 a Parish House was built at a cost of \$250,000.00 bringing the current value of the church buildings to \$448,716.00. The present membership is 901 actives.

The Rev. Taylor B. Yeakley, Rev. Samuel Boerstler, S.T.D., Rev. George Baisler, D.D., Rev. Robert P. Haselege, and at present The Rev. Theodore H. Althof, have all served the parish.

The German Trinity Lutheran Church in June 1956 merged with First Lutheran Church.

Under the present pastorate, the debt on the Parish House was liquidated. Three properties were purchased along Ridge Avenue opposite the church entrance, and a spacious parking lot built. At present, we have a Visitation Pastor, the Rev. Raymond E. Agnew.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Methodism began in the New Kensington area when a church was organized in 1843 and known as Bethel Church. Mt. Hope was organized in 1859 as part of other circuits which included Indiana and Wilkensburg. Beginning with these two congregations, Methodism has had a glorious past under God. Sometime between the years of 1843 and 1869 a Sabbath School was organized in Parnassus and occasionally a minister of a circuit would hold preaching services. It was not to be included in the growth of Methodism until 1886 when a full time pastor was appointed, The Rev. J. W. Kessler. The early services in Parnassus were held in the second story of the old brick Pennsylvania Railroad Station which was used for the Parnassus Academy during the week. The room was fitted up for Public Worship by Josiah Masters and Hugh Simon; the top of a bee hive served as a pulpit.

At the close of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in 1869, meeting in Philadelphia, Ohio, Bishop Edward R. Ames appointed The Rev. John T. Riley, to the Bethel Circuit which consisted of three preaching places; Bethel, Mt. Hope, and Parnassus. During the summer of 1869 the Rev. Riley succeeded in organizing a Methodist Society with 13 chartered members: Hugh Simon, Nancy Simons, Josiah Masters, Mary Davis, James Disnmore, Martha Lewis, Nancy J. Lewis, Hannah Harris, Daniel Alter, Annie Alter, Nancy Metzgar, Mary Master and Mary Wentz

The minister received a salary of \$125.00 per year. The services of worship were held every other week on Sunday at 3:00 P.M. During the summer of 1869 a frame church 35' x 50' was erected at a cost of \$2,000.00. The site was a lot on Bridge Street, which was leased without cost as long as a church building remained on the lot and in use. This arrangement was made possible by Josiah Masters.



The St. Paul Lutheran Church circa 1915 (now renovated by St. James AME Church) —Margaret Glover  
The present St. Paul Lutheran Church at Freeport and Knollwood completed about 1964.

In 1892 the Parnassus Church Building was sold and the church relocated in New Kensington, which gave promise of becoming an industrial center. Thus the Journal for the Conference lists in 1893, New Kensington as the Charge. The congregation selected the site of Kenneth and McCargo as the place for the new church building, but abandoned the idea when land acquisition became difficult. The Burrell Improvement Company offered to give the church lots on Ridge Avenue valued at \$2,000.00. A small frame church structure costing \$1,500.00 was erected under the leadership of Rev. William T. Braden, who was appointed to serve the congregation in 1890. As the congregation grew the hill was moved back so that additions could be made. A common community remark was, "the Methodists are running the church into the ground".

A. E. Husted was appointed to the congregation in 1894, and in 1896 organized the Arnold Methodist Church, which he served along with New Kensington.

During the year 1898 when Rev. Husted was pastor the brick church in New Kensington was built at the cost of \$12,500.00, and in 1899 the basement was started.

When "Tom" Morris was pastor from 1924 to 1927 plans were made for a new stone church. The plan was abandoned and remodeling the present building became the project. The basement and tower were added, also a second floor over the Sunday School rooms, a new heating system and a new pulpit. This project cost \$42,000.00.

We, like our fathers before us, recognized our responsibility to meet today's need. To retain the lasting influence of our fathers and to maintain a forward pace with the spiritual growth of our people we have provided facilities, which through their beauty and usefulness will promote God's work in this community.

On June 5, 1957, the Official Board accepted the plan presented by the committee. Thus began an "Adventure of Faith" that was to witness a new educational building, and a complete renovation of the interior of the old part of the building. Ground breaking for the project took place on March 19, 1961. \$271,000.00 went into the project which was consecrated, March 17, 1963. This project was led by The Rev. W. Donald Whetsel, the pastor from 1956 to 1965.

June 5, 1966 the total debt having been paid, the 1127 member congregation dedicated the church building to the "Glory of God and His service to mankind".

Thus was completed another phase in the continued growth of Methodism in the New Kensington city and area.

## **FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

The Free Methodist Church first conducted meetings in the New Kensington area in the fall of 1894 under the leadership of the Rev. E. E. Shellhamer, who later became a noted speaker in the Church. The services were held in an unused M. E. Church in Parnassus. Rev. Shellhamer came from his home in Leechburg to meet with those who had first begun to worship together in their homes. The following summer (1895) a tent meeting was held on the site of the present Salvation Army building, and after that several other buildings were used by the young congregation until the needed land and finances could be appropriated. A gift of land by Mrs. Mary Staley made it possible for a happy people to break ground in 1918 for a modest brick structure at 216 Catalpa Street. Under the direction of Rev. W. A. Rambo, work went along rapidly and the congregation was soon worshipping in the new sanctuary. Attendance flourished until it seemed that the building would be completely overcrowded. During these days, many promising young families became interested in the work

of the church and enthusiasm ran high. Over the years their work and the work of their children and now their children's children have kept the Free Methodist flame burning in the city. The church has contributed many professional, skilled and unskilled workers to the New Kensington area. The congregation has mothered several teachers, and ministers, and has had the privilege of starting one of the Church's Bishops on his way — Bishop E. C. John served his first pastorate in this church. We trust that with God's blessing the future years, as have the past, will hold as much promise for the church and the area.

## **GRACE COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Grace Church was organized on May 4, 1947. Ninety-one charter members met at Stewart School on Leechburg Road. The first Session was elected at a meeting in the school gymnasium on October 12, 1947. The Rev. Walter Farris was the first pastor, leading the new congregation from 1947 until December, 1950. A first unit was constructed on the present grounds, dedicated in June, 1949. On Christmas Sunday, 1950, the Rev. Paul Musser conducted his first worship service as the new minister. Mr. Musser guided the church until August, 1956, when the Rev. Charles Gensheimer was called as pastor. He served eight years until the summer of 1964. The membership numbered 650 at this time. A call was extended to the Rev. William O. Dandoy to become the new minister of Grace Community Church on January 1, 1965. Since then he has led the congregation in preparing for an expansion program which will include a new sanctuary. This total project will cost \$275,000, and is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 1967. Chairman of the Building Committee is Mr. Walter Zelle; Dr. Ben Johnston, New Kensington orthodontist, headed the "Adventure in Stewardship" program which will finance the new construction.

## **GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

As New Kensington grew, likewise, did the Hellenic families. Their first church service was held at a rented hall at 852 Second Avenue, New Kensington, in 1927.

The first board of directors were, Chris Pappas, Athanasice Frangoulis, Stelios Gerazunis, John Tinios, Evangelos Kapsambelis, John Kalakos and Evangelos Koutaledas. In 1929 the church was moved to 309 9th Street on the second floor, of which at that time a charter was granted by the Commonwealth to the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of New Kensington.

In 1939, Mr. Stamati Patsakis, church president and the Board of Directors purchased the property at 1126 3rd Avenue, and the church then moved there. In 1960 with the Urban Redevelopment Authority working full speed, the Board of Directors and its church president, William Phaturos purchased the present location of the church at 803 - 805 Walnut Street and the parish house from the First Lutheran Church.

During World War II the church did a wonderful job of selling United States War Bonds. The church hall is used by The Philoptochos Society and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

The present officers are, President, Lefteris Despotakis; Vice-President, Pete Soterin; Secretary, George Vagionis; Treasurer, Stelios Gerazunis. The pastor is Rev. John Androutsopoulos.

## **JOHN HUSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

John Huss Lutheran Congregation was founded on April 9, 1916, by thirty individuals and a charter was granted July 3, 1916. Land for a church building was purchased in 1918 and construction was begun and completed during the same year. The new church edifice, which was located on the corner of Kenneth and McCandless Streets,

was dedicated in January of 1919.

Extensive renovations were made to the interior and exterior of the church building, and a stone tower was added in 1957. The congregation also has an education building adjacent to the church building which was purchased in 1952. A new parsonage replacing the one used since 1926 was purchased during 1965.

The following held pastorates in the congregation: The Rev. Paul Faska, 1926 - 1933; The Rev. Joseph Billy, 1933 - 1935; The Rev. John Kucharik, 1941 - 1950; and the present pastor, the Rev. Emil Lavcek has served since October of 1950.

## **LOGANS FERRY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Seven years before the Civil War, church services in Logans Ferry were held in barns and homes. In 1856 a church was built on the present location and the first communion was given on October 4, 1857.

The property, called River Farm, was received as a land grant by John Little from William Penn. Later, it was purchased by Alexander Logan from whom the church obtained it, with the provision that services would be held at least once a year. Here the Logans Ferry congregation had its origin under the auspices of the Associate Reformed Church of North America under the direction of the Blairsville Presbytery. A year later, it was included in the newly formed Westmoreland Presbytery and was called "A Preaching Station."

The formal organization of the congregation, however, did not take place until December 12, 1857 by a Provisional Session appointed by Presbytery. An election of officers was held and Mr. Robert Stewart and Mr. James Martin were elected. Not long after, the proceedings were found unconstitutional and a second service in November, 1858 rectified the irregularity. In due course, the Westmoreland Presbytery recognized the acts of the elders as valid. During these years 25 members were received into the congregation and 5 infants were baptized.

Today a Sabbath school is part of the church and a library is also in use. The present pastor is Reverend Richard Mowry.

It is confidently expected that the Logans Ferry United Presbyterian Church will continue to carry out the purpose for which it was founded as expressed in the charter: "The worship of Almighty God according to the faith, doctrines, discipline, and usages of the United Presbyterian Church of North America". (Charter Article II)

## **MARANATHA BIBLE CHURCH**

Through the vision of the First Baptist Church of this city a Sunday School was started in the Valley Heights Fire Hall in 1929. A small building was erected about 1940 and enlarged a few years later.

The group became self-supporting and separated from the mother church in 1946. The new congregation chose to be independent and became Maranatha Bible Church with no denominational affiliation. As the congregation continued to grow, the building doubled in size and was improved. Property has been purchased for construction of a new sanctuary and educational unit.

Our theology is conservative. We believe the Bible to be verbally inspired; Christ to be God incarnate



who died for the sins of the world; that salvation is only by faith in His substitutionary death on the cross.

The ministry of the church consists of the daily Christian walk of each believer; a public pulpit ministry; Sunday School; youth groups; prayer and Bible study meetings; a large mission budget running over \$8,000.00 per year, and a thriving branch church in the Leechburg area. Our hope is not earthly, but is expressed in our name: "Maranatha - the LORD cometh!" I Cor. 16:22

## **MOUNT ST. PETER CHURCH**

Mount Saint Peter's Congregation was organized in 1902 by the Rev. Bonaventure Piscopo of the Apostolate Band for the Pittsburgh Diocese.

In 1903 this new Parish had its first resident Pastor in the person of the Rev. Vincenzo Maselli and a place of worship in a store-room around the corner of Second Avenue and Tenth Street.

On September 28, 1903 the Congregation moved into the basement of St. Mary's Polish Church on Kenneth Avenue. It was here that the first Parish Register was begun. Shortly after that date, a piece of ground was donated to St. Peter's by the Burrell Improvement Company. It was on the corner of Ridge Avenue and Constitution Blvd. (then Stanton Avenue).

Father Maselli was succeeded in turn by the Fathers DiSabato, Galassi, Duval, Sacchi, Pilulski, Paonessa, Daniele and Vocca. The present Pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicola Fusco, P.A., came to St. Peter's on September 6, 1923. He began his ministry in an area where the lives of previous priests had been threatened by local anarchists. His Parish was \$10,000.00 in debt.

It is interesting to report here that in 1903 the monthly salary of the Pastor of St. Peter's was \$35 which in 1904 was cut down to \$30. His kitchen furniture and equipment cost \$7.23 and the furniture for a bedroom, an office and dining room \$74.89.

To better serve the parishioners who lived too far from St. Peter's, Father Fusco in 1924 opened a Station at Logans Ferry, in 1925 another at Kinloch and Barking and a third at Glassmere, Pa. However, the most important Station was opened in 1925 at Braeburn, Pa. where Holy Mass was said regularly. When a new Church was built there after the St. Patrick's day flood of 1936 it was named St. John Bosco. In 1935 a Sunday School station was started at the Aluminum City Terrace and another at Lower Burrell in 1945.

The Congregation of St. Peter's when Father Fusco inherited it in 1923 numbered 13 families but grew in 1929 to one thousand families. The little Church on Ridge Avenue did not provide more than 200 "seeing and hearing" seats. On May 1, 1939 the Leslie Estate on the corner of 7th St. and Freeport Road was purchased. The price \$20,000.00. Now it is called Mount Saint Peter.

In 1940 the Mellon Mansion on the corner of 5th Avenue and Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa. was for sale. Mount St. Peter got about 75% of the material inside and outside of the building comprising mainly 30 tons of steel beams, 65 oak and bronze doors, marble and marble pillars, granite and several works of art. For a time the "Mount" looked like a disorganized quarry as block by block of the Mellon home was transported to the new church grounds.

The four immense Riviera marble pillars from the Fifth Avenue vestibule of the R. K. Mellon Mansion formed the church altar – now one of the finest in the world. Bronze stair railings were converted into the baldachino. Paneling from the Mellon home, which had been illustrated numerous times in publications all over the country, were emplaced above each side of the sanctuary. The carved wood of the Library became the Confessionals. Alabaster chandeliers became the baptistry and holy water fonts. The granite porch balustrate became the Communion Rails. The gold sanctuary lamp once gave light in the music room. Mantelpieces became altars, the red Michigan sandstone of the Mansion covered the exterior of the new Mount St. Peter Church, rectory and school. Material from the mansion had many religious motifs – angel heads can be found in the keystone of the arches, in the ceiling panels, in the electric light brackets, in the carved wood organ grilles; lily designs can be seen in the bronze panels, the lion, symbol of St. Mark in the wood carving, etc., etc.

The Church has treasures not only of the Mellon mansion but also of such great artists as Vincenzo Gemito whose bronze Crucifix in the main vestibule of the Church has been declared a masterpiece of anatomical art. The priceless painted ceiling in the Chapel of the Seven Sacraments is the work of Giovanni di San Pietro. Mount Saint Peter's has been described as not only a most beautiful Church but also a most "articulate" Church as well.

It was on August 15, 1942 that the Parish moved into its new building on the "Mount". Today the Congregation numbers almost two thousand families. It's parish plant embraces a Church, School, Rectory, Convent in its almost four acres of ground. It is administered by the Pastor, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Nicola Fusco, P.A., LL.D., and two Assistant Pastors in the persons of Rev. Bernard Borgogno and Rev. Geno Rivi.

Under the leadership of Monsignor Fusco, the Parish has had since 1946 a Retreat House and social service center called the Apostolate of Mary at 204 Charles Avenue; since 1959 a Thrift Shop for the Poor at 749 Second Avenue and a Pilgrim Madonna which has been pilgrimating each week from house to house in the parish since 1959.

Monsignor Fusco has been the recipient of many honors during his tenure at Mount St. Peter's, from the President of Italy, from several Bishops of the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses, from St. Vincent's College and from both Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI.

His most recent appointment from the Holy Father was as a Protonotary Apostolic. He was invested with the pontifical vestments at a religious ceremony Sunday, July 3rd by His Excellency Bishop Wm. G. Connare, D.D.

## **PARNASSUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The History of a church is different from any other history. It is the record of the struggle and progress of the spiritual life of the group that have made it and carried it on.

The men and women of 124 years ago lighted their torches by petitioning Blairsville Presbytery meeting in Poke Run on April 12, 1842 that a church be organized in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, to be called "Parnassus".

Minutes of Blairsville Presbytery further show that a subsequent meeting held at Ebenezer October 4, 1842, "The committee appointed to organize a church to be called Parnassus reported that

they had attended to that duty on the 18th of May. The Church consisted of 13 members and 1 ruling elder. The report was accepted and the congregation was taken under the care of Presbytery". Thus the Parnassus Presbyterian Church had its beginning.

The present church property is a portion of the former Fort Crawford grounds erected in 1778. At times excavations on the property have discovered Indian graves which leads one to believe that part of the property may have been an Indian Burial Ground.

The need for more room was apparent when in 1883 the Parnassus Congregation began to think about a new church building. Where to build was a difficult question for the congregation to settle. After much discussion, they decided upon the present location. The present building was dedicated September 10, 1885. During the years the church has had 19 ministers serve her and the membership at present is 870 with 15 elders. The Reverend E. Merlin Withrow is the present Pastor.

## **PUCKETY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Although ministering since 1795, Puckety did not become organized until October 13, 1804.

A log structure (1815) served as a church until destroyed by fire (1836). A new church served 37 years, but burned a week after alterations had been completed. A brick church was erected and stood for 25 years before burning (1898). Another wooden structure served the congregation 56 years.

In 1954 Puckety erected the present brick church. Today its spire stands as a beacon to motorists traveling East along Leechburg Road, and welcomes school children to the Burrell Joint Senior and Junior High Schools.

Through its fiery history, Puckety has been directly influential in establishing seven United Presbyterian Churches – Logans Ferry, Leechburg, Union, Apollo, Freeport, Shearersburg, and Grace; and indirectly in forming the Parnassus and Vandergrift congregations.

## **ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Just before the turn of the century, the work of the Episcopal Church began in New Kensington.

A small group of Christians, "desirous of worshipping God according to the Faith and Discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church," appealed to Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh for some arrangement for regular church services. Week-night meetings in private homes had proved moderately successful, but the hope was to establish a recognized mission. In April, 1896, the rector of Trinity Church, Freeport, was appointed to conduct Wednesday evening services in Batz Hall for the new mission, named 'The Church of our Savior'.

In 1897, the mission was annexed to St. Thomas Parish, Oakmont, but four years later the Mission moved into its own building on Eighth Street and the name was changed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

For many years the small, faithful congregation worshipped here, often without a resident clergyman. In 1946 the building and property were sold, and plans were made to worship in St. Peter and Paul's Polish National Catholic Church until a new church was constructed on the corner of Edgewood and Knollwood Roads. In 1948 the cornerstone was laid, and on June 20, 1949, the undercroft was dedicated and the members moved into their present building. Three years later the Church was completed, and most of the permanent furnishings have since been added.

For some years St. Andrew's Community Kindergarten and Nursery have served this area, and the local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous regularly meets here.

## ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH

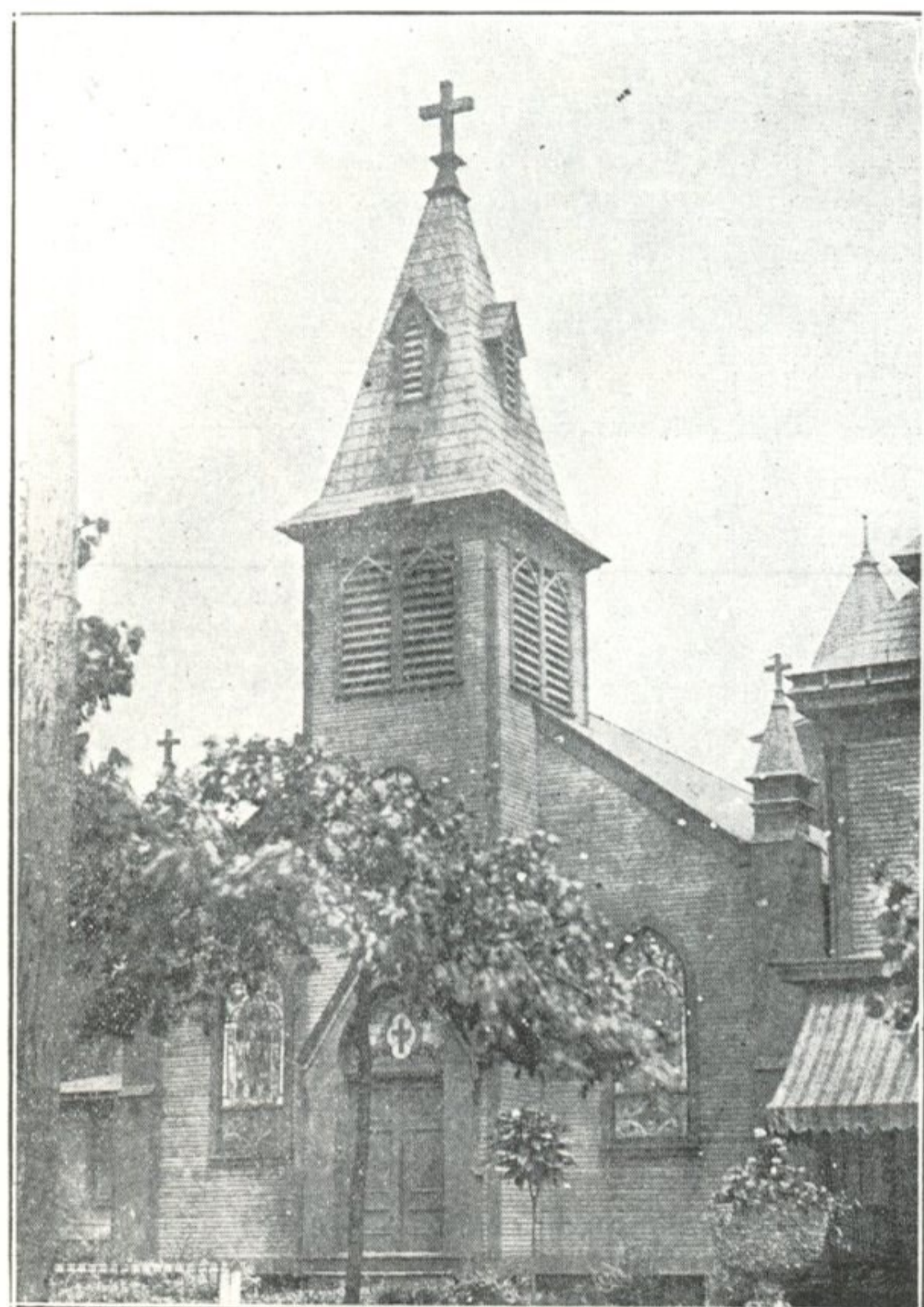
Some fifty-five years ago, a very small group of people saw the need of a place in which to worship. They understood the wisdom of bringing the church into the Connection of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination, with its rich heritage, and named it, the St. James A. M. E. Church of New Kensington.

After the ensuing years of struggle and adversities, the Rev. C. H. O. McPherson was assigned to the Congregation. In 1927, he realized his determination of an improved place of worship. The people moved into a newly remodeled three story stucco structure, located in the heart of the First Ward on Fourth Avenue.

Fighting against tremendous odds in the post-depression years, under the Pastorate of Rev. J. O. Edwards, the mortgage was burned. In 1955, the Rev. T. S. Henderson was appointed to the church. His dreams were not completed because after the achievement in the uplifting of the people and community, he passed away.

The Rt. Rev. E. C. Hatcher, in 1961 a man with far vision, scored a victory in appointing Rev. F. D. Freeman from Titusville. A man who had made an enormous sacrifice in the work of Christ. An opportunity arose in the extensive plan for a city-wide development. For now, the neighborhood in which St. James was located, was a blighted area.

The question arose throughout the church, "Where can we go?" The Rev. E. D. Freeman in his calm but dignified manner searched for the answer and accepted the challenge. On Constitution Blvd., stood the vacant former home of the St. Paul Lutheran Church. In it he could see the potentialities of this small congregation. A larger seating capacity, balcony, Sunday School room or chapel, enlarged dining area, kitchen facilities, a lovely 11 room brick parsonage, with a two-car garage, plus extra ground for the enlargement of the church in the future.



The old St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church around 1914 at Constitution and Ridge Avenue. —Margaret Glover

The present Mt. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on Freeport Rd.

## **ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH**

St. John Orthodox Catholic Church is one of the new church buildings erected in New Kensington. It is located at 150 Elmtree Road. The Pastor is the Very Reverend Father Andrew Woronovich.

St. John Church was organized in 1909. The first church building was constructed in Arnold in 1910. It was the first Orthodox Catholic Church to be organized in this area. Since there were no other Orthodox Churches in the vicinity at that time, the St. John parish welcomed Orthodox Catholics of all nationalities to use the church. Of the original founders of the first church there is one surviving member, Harry Fritzky.

St. John Church commemorated its Golden Anniversary in 1960. After 54 years in the same location, the parish outgrew the old structure and a new church was erected. The cornerstone was laid in the new church in 1963, and the church was consecrated in 1964.

An integral part of the church are the organizations which are important in the life of the church. The Myrrh-Bearing Women Sisterhood, the church school, and the choir function for the spiritual welfare and growth of the church.

## **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

From a small frame building in Arnold seating 24 people to a towering edifice serving a parish of more than 1500 families is the story of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, New Kensington.

St. Joseph's Church began in 1843 as a mission from St. Joseph's Church, Verona, located at 1760 Constitution Blvd.

A frame church was built at Constitution Blvd. and Catalpa St. in 1891, the first pastor was Father McNellis. In the late 90s this church was moved to Constitution Blvd. and Locust St.

In 1900 Father Thomas J. Kirner was appointed pastor. During his pastorate the parish purchased the McCarty Farm which is now the area from Constitution Blvd. to Leishman Avenue between Locust and Walnut Streets. At this time the church was moved to Kenneth Avenue and Locust Street.

Father Francis J. Hertzog was named pastor in 1911. During his pastorate the parochial school was built in 1914, the present rectory was completed in 1918. In 1922 ground was broken for the present St. Joseph Church which was dedicated by the Most Reverend Hugh C. Boyle, a classmate of Father Hertzog's, the then Bishop of Pittsburgh, on August 31, 1924. Father Hertzog served the parish 48 years and was beloved by the whole community. He died in January 1959.

He was succeeded by the Rev. Henry F. Hanse, the present pastor. During his pastorate the old church which had served the parish as an activities building was razed; on its site a school addition and activities building was erected. Also a grotto to our Lady of Fatima has been built on the Church property facing Kenneth Avenue; it was dedicated on May 20, 1962 by the Most Reverend William G. Connare. The School Addition was dedicated on August 26, 1965 and opened to classes in September 1965.

## **ST. MARGARET MARY'S RECTORY**

In 1949, Very Rev. F. J. Hertzog, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, New Kensington realizing the potent growth of Lower Burrell, purchased three acres of ground on Leechburg Road. This

was the beginning of St. Margaret Mary's Parish.

On October 17, 1950, the Feast of St. Margaret Mary, Bishop Boyle of Pittsburgh gave permission for the Parish to be built. A church-school edifice was completed and the First Mass was offered for the 250 families on September 6, 1953 by the Pastor, Rev. Joseph F. Sullivan. In the spring of 1957, ground was broken for a new church for the rapidly expanding parish which now numbered 600 families. The First Mass was offered in the new church on August 15, 1957. The first church was then converted into a four room school and classes taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph began in September. Also in 1957, a home was remodeled into a convent for the nuns and a rectory on Park Drive was purchased. In 1958, a second floor was added to the school thus making eight class rooms with an enrollment of 315 students.

In April, 1965 Father Sullivan died and was succeeded by Rev. Robt. A. Hanicak assisted by Rev. Denis R. Sweeney. This large and progressive parish now totals 1018 families. Many active organizations are part of St. Margaret Mary's, including the Women's Guild, Holy Name Society, Young Ladies Sodality, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

## **ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

On November 20, 1892 Father Ladislaus Miskiewicz, Pastor of Saint Adalbert Roman Catholic Church, South Side, Pittsburgh called a meeting of all the Polish families of the New Kensington area for the purpose of organizing a society which would provide fraternal aid in cases of sickness and death and would supervise the collecting of funds for the erection of a parish church. Having titled this new organization, The Society of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the members placed themselves under the protection of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Crowned Queen of Poland, and earnestly undertook the gigantic task which lay before them.

In the Spring of 1893 a frame structure facing the rear of Kenneth Avenue was erected to serve as the Church. The original site is now that of Saint Mary's School.

Father Henry Cichowski was appointed the first resident pastor on October 11, 1893 of Saint Mary's, under the title of Our Lady of Czestochowa, New Kensington, Pa.

The first annual report dated December 31, 1894 lists 63 families, 259 souls, 29 baptisms, 8 marriages, 3 deaths, 30 children under catechetical instruction.

As the community grew so did the parish. It was soon evident that a new church was necessary to serve the parishioners. Therefore the present church accommodating 1,000 souls was undertaken by Father Francis Pikulski in 1911. — But was completed by the new pastor, Father Francis Poszukanis in 1912. Four classrooms were furnished in the Church basement.

In 1913 the Felician Sisters were invited to assume full charge of the school. In this year the convent was built, however the original convent no longer remains.

It was during the pastorship of Father Anthony Baron in 1927 that Saint Mary's Cemetery, Lower Burrell, Pa. was purchased.

Upon the death of Father Casimir Orlemanski in 1953, Father Edward Sierocki became the Pastor. Under his pastorship the old rectory was raised in 1957 and replaced by the structure which stands today.

The latest annual report dated 1965 reads as follows: 1,333 families, 6,000 souls, 103 baptisms, 40 marriages, deaths, 240 children attending Saint Mary's, 289 in catechical instruction.

The present pastor is Father Edward Sierocki, assisted by Father Michael R. Dylag. Father Walter Bratus has been assistant for the past three years – however he was promoted to pastorship at Dawson, Pa. Sacred Heart Church on June 6, 1966. Sister Mary Beatrice is Superior and Principal. The present Church committeemen are: Mr. John Balla, Mr. Frank Dudek, Mr. Jacob Klukaszewski, Mr. Joseph Guz and Mr. John Koziura.

The first Church Organist was Mr. Bronislaus Konkoloweski, the father of the present organist Mr. Joseph Konkolewski.

## **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of New Kensington was organized in January 1909. Soon after its organization plans were made to begin construction at 1312 Constitution Boulevard, New Kensington. The cornerstone was laid on June 20, 1909. The members of St. Paul's dedicated their new building on October 24, 1909. A Christian Day School was also established at the time the congregation was organized and continued until the end of the term in May 1928.

The congregation flourished during these years. In 1950 the congregation purchased several lots on the corner of Edgewood and Freeport Roads in the hope of relocating there in the future. Plans for a new building and education wing took shape in the late 1950's. Ground was broken for the new building in June 1962, and it was dedicated on August 18, 1963. Four additional educational units remain to be built in the future with hopes of again opening a Christian Day School.

Throughout its fifty-seven year history St. Paul's has been served by seven pastors: The Revs. Paul Succop, Daniel Goerss, Theodore Andree, Edwin J. Riemer, Erwin Stechholz, Elmer I. Miller, and the current pastor Rev. Ronald M. Johnson.

## **ST. VLADIMIR'S**

The true seed of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Arnold-New Kensington, Pa., was actually implanted over sixty-seven years ago when six families first settled here. Mr. Wasyl Bugel, an active parishoner, was one of those early pioneers. The movement was nurtured in 1911 when the first permanent church was erected and culminated in 1922, when the first resident priest was appointed. Prior to this time, the parish was served as a mission.

As our local industries prospered, so our parish did likewise. Jobs became more abundant in our aluminum, coal, glass, and steel factories, and an influx of Ukrainians increased with each new year. As their number increased more things were quickly accomplished. In 1930, a rectory was purchased. Under a spirited leader, Father Stephen V. Knapp, the parish developed even further. In 1936, a building adjacent to the rectory was purchased and formally opened to house our parochial school and convent.

In 1946, a fine corner property was purchased for a church site. Two short years later, as befitting the occasion, our new St. Vladimir's Church was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day.

## **THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE**

The Gospel Tabernacle of New Kensington traces its origin back to the John Sproull evangelistic meetings which were conducted in a large temporary Tabernacle on Anderson Street in the City of New Kensington,

in 1928.

When the Sproull meetings came to a close a small group of believers began to meet in the prayer room of the Tabernacle.

At the invitation of a few earnest souls, Evangelist Ray Shearer of the Assemblies of God who had been holding meetings in Jeanette, Pa. came to New Kensington to conduct some evangelistic meetings and "to expound" to the nucleus of believers "the way of God more perfectly." A number of believers received a baptism in the Holy Ghost and the church at New Kensington became pentecostal.

Early in 1929 Rev. W. E. Menzies came to be the first pastor of the struggling church, and a building on Third Avenue was rented for the use of worship services until the new sanctuary being built at 1230 Leishman Avenue would be ready for occupancy.

On June 9, 1930 the church was set in order and affiliated with The General Council of The Assemblies of God, with 21 charter members, and on December 7th, 1931 the new congregation dedicated their new house of worship unto the Lord.

From November, 1954 to June, 1960, Rev. C. A. Davenport took over the responsibilities of the pastorate and through his vision and leadership the church was able to construct a new and much larger house of worship on the corner of Freeport Road and Drey Street in the City of Arnold where it is presently located. The present pastor is Rev. Asa C. Martin.

## **THE MOUNT CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

The first Baptist Church of Arnold, now known as the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, was organized in September, 1908, in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Carter with Rev. Graves as pastor together with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Alston, Mr. Edward Bowe, Mr. John Bradley and Mr. John Hawkins. The American Glass House provided the tent and equipment necessary for the meeting. During the time of the meeting Rev. Graves made arrangements to hold regular meetings at a store front in the old Pickle Factory building. This was the regular meeting place for the newly organized church for about five years.

Mrs. Irene McGuigan, who operated a furniture store on 5th Avenue, heard of the struggle of the church, and upon talking with Mrs. Dora Waugh, suggested that a committee, together with the pastor, come in and talk with her. Over the wishes of her husband and the family, Mrs. McGuigan let the congregation have enough money to build on their lot purchased at 1336 3rd Avenue.

In May of 1961, Pastor Asa W. Roberts was called. It was hard work carrying us through urban renewal. To speed up the new housing, we took a temporary inadequate location. The Lord blessed our pastor with a great vision for a new church. Dreams do not come true without a lot of prayer, hardwork, and sacrifice. All of this has been demonstrated by the pastor, officers and members. We have realized a great vision that only God has given and guided us through in the construction of our new church building.

## **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Due to transportation difficulties, a group of New Kensingtonites, attending the Parnassus Church, decided to organize a Sunday School in their own community. In January 1897, sixty-five persons from that Sunday School organized into the First Presbyterian Church.



In 1898, the congregation moved from rented quarters to a frame structure on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Eleventh Street. The present sanctuary was built in 1909, and the educational unit was added in 1926. An extensive remodeling program was completed in 1963, at a cost just under the original total cost of construction.

Over the years, the church has contributed the energies of twenty persons, dedicated to the task of bringing an experience of God's presence to the individual, and the harmony of love and good will to the community. These are the men and women who have ministered among us. Through our membership, we have worked to improve community life at every level: schools, authorities, public office, community improvements and services, and service organizations. Beyond its own efforts, the congregation lent its facilities to the following groups: the Red Cross Blood Bank, a burned-out congregation, the Pucketos Garden Club, the Child-Study Group, the Kennedy-Crawford Pre-School Board, the Women's Club, the N.A.A.C.P. and W.I.C.S. At one time it even provided office space for the Wear-Ever Division of Alcoa.

Presently, the church is sharing in a joint venture which sponsors a full-time minister to work as a minister-at-large among those who might never feel free to enter a church.

## **THE SALVATION ARMY**

The New Kensington Corps of the Salvation Army formed on September 26, 1899, with Capt. William Grimshaw in charge, but was discontinued in 1905 for lack of support. However, among those early converts was Joseph N. Hoak, who had been saved from excessive drinking to a life of sobriety and usefulness.

Enthused and grateful for his conversion, "Joe" longed for a reopening of an "Army" corps in New Kensington, and repeatedly asked Pittsburgh headquarters for a permanent in the Allegheny Area. About this time, Clifford A. Lockwood offered himself for service. In March, 1915, Capt. and Mrs. Lockwood were appointed to New Kensington to re-open the work of the Salvation Army.

The first permanent hall was a vacant store room, rented in the 800 block of Ivy Alley, rear of then F. W. Woolworth store facing on Fifth Avenue. Street meetings, extensive visitation, War Cry sales, and welfare service augmented the week-night and Sunday meetings conducted at the Ivy Alley location. The first corps property, a fire hall at 855 Fourth Avenue, was purchased at a cost of 7,000 dollars. It included a small auditorium, Sunday school rooms, office, living quarters for officers and one emergency room. The corps eventually outgrew the firehall and a new citadel was erected but it filled the need from 1917 until 1928 when the present structure was dedicated.

The first corps band was organized under Lockwood's direction. New Kensington has maintained an outstanding band through the years, presently directed by bandmaster Kenneth F. Luyk.

From the earliest days of the New Kensington corps, Financing was largely through collections taken at open air and inside meetings, sale of publications and projects. In the past several years, with the endorsement of the advisory board, partial support of the United Fund has been an important phase of financing.

Brigadier William North has led the Army until recently when Brigadier Arthur Hill was named as the new commander.

## **TRINITY UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**

Trinity Reformed Church, now known as Trinity United Church of Christ, was organized by the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church of the U.S., December 20, 1895. At once plans were made to erect a suitable church building on property donated by the Burrell Improvement Company. Under the leadership of the Rev. H. W. Bright, the building was completed and dedicated November 29, 1896, with a membership of 55. Its growth was slow at first but over the years there has been a steady increase not only in number, but in spiritual and moral influence in the community.

We hold in grateful memory the many men and women who have served the Lord through this congregation, likewise the Pastors who guided them spiritually throughout these 71 years.

The Y.M.C.A. was organized in this church through the efforts of Mr. H. G. Durbin and many New Kensington fathers.

Rev. R. Vincent Hartman, pastor of the church for 35 years, leader in many civic organizations, retired in 1962. Rev. H. G. Osterwise has been the pastor but at present has been called to a new Pastorate in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

## **WESTMINSTER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Westminster United Presbyterian Church, organized January 10, 1876 in the Citizen's Hall of Parnassus, with thirty-three charter members, chose the name "The Parnassus United Presbyterian Church".

The congregation had many problems — among them no church building and no regular minister. Pastors from neighboring United Presbyterian Churches held services frequently. Rev. C. H. Marshall was secured as pastor in 1885, serving until July 1889.

The first church building was located on Freeport Street, where the Fire Hall is today. The growth in membership and the rapid growth of New Kensington made it advisable to seek a location in a more central area. The second home was erected on the South East Corner of Fifth Avenue and Sixth Street, and dedicated in July 1900. A Community House Unit, later designated as the Christian Education Building, was built in 1920. In 1952 Woodland Park was established for worship and recreation.

When the two Presbyterian denominations merged in 1958, the congregation, in 1961, changed its name to "The Westminster United Presbyterian Church".

On December 16, 1962, the church building, which had been extensively remodeled, was destroyed by fire. However, the Educational Unit remained, badly damaged by water and smoke. Several local churches offered the use of their facilities. The invitation from the Parnassus Presbyterian Church was accepted and Westminster used their facilities for five months. The refurbished Christian Education Building was then used for all services.

A new building was erected diagonally across the street, on the North West Corner of Fifth Avenue and Sixth Street. On June 20, 1965 an Entry Service was celebrated with Holy Communion. The Dedication Service was held September 19, 1965.

The new Westminster Church Building is one of the most attractive and best equipped in the valley. It is the aim of the congregation to be a powerful factor for God and righteousness in the New Kensington area.

Westminster has been ably served by eight ministers during its ninety years. The present minister is Rev. Arthur R. Armstrong, D.D. Mr. Wendell C. Milz is Clerk of the Session which is composed of twenty-four Ruling Elders. Mr. W. O. Lytle is President of the twelve-member Board of Trustees. Mr. Richard G. Churchfield is Vice-Moderator of the twenty-one member Board of Deacons. Mr. John L. Keiser is Chairman of the Congregation.



The old Arnold Colored Baptist Church 1916.



The new Mt. Calvary Baptist Church 1966.



# EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Formal education in New Kensington began when the first school building was built at the foot of Barnes Street. Since New Kensington was then a section of a township, the Lower Burrell Township School Board supervised the building of this school.

The New Kensington School District itself was not organized until April, 1893 after the first board of directors was elected in February of that year. Immediate construction of the First Ward School, then a four room structure, was planned. Rapid growth of the city, however, soon necessitated the use of the Leishman Avenue building (which was sold to Arnold in 1896 when they incorporated as a separate borough) along with the rental of rooms in churches and town hall and the opening of the Third Ward School in 1897.

In 1896, a principal, B. L. Hunnell, was elected. Other names associated with the early development of the schools are A. D. Horton and M. C. Hurrell, supervising principals, J. E. Hershberger, Berlin Empfield, and E. T. Chapman, early superintendents of the School District.

In the fall of 1899, the first high school class of 12 students registered. Of these original 12, six graduated in 1901. The Fourth Avenue building, the first high school building, was completed in 1907. This building was converted to an elementary school in 1913 when the Ridge Avenue building became the new high school with an enrollment of 149. A vocational school was added in 1915. In 1928 New Kensington High School was placed on the Accredited List of the Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges for Middle States and Maryland and has remained on the list ever since.

The School District expanded quickly in 1930 when a section of Lower Burrell Township was annexed and again in 1931 with the consolidation with Parnassus. These additions created one of the largest third class school districts in Pennsylvania. The city of New Kensington now boasts 8 public elementary



The School building at 840 Fourth Ave. -Blosers Jewelry

schools, 3 parochial elementary schools, one Junior High (Ridge Avenue) and a modern senior high, completed in 1957, which accommodates 1400 students. A library containing about 5,000 reference works, supplementary texts, and recreational readings is also located in the high school.

After the Second World War, New Kensington entered into a phase of dramatic new construction and renovation of its school buildings. New elementary schools, Greenwald and the Terrace were constructed. A new High School building costing more than three million dollars was completed during the 1950's. The school district renovated Fort Crawford, Mount Vernon, Martin, and Walnut Elementary Schools. The school district has continued its fine program of up-dating the school physical facilities by continuing to renovate and build up to the present day. The John F. Kennedy Elementary School in First Ward, Ridge Avenue Junior High School remodeling, and Mount Vernon expansion are examples of the foresight and vision of our School Board.

In July, 1965 the New Kensington School District and the Arnold School District consolidated with a student population of 5900. The present superintendent of schools is William L. Jefferson.

More important than a mere detailed history of the development of the schools is what this development has produced.

Project Headstart was begun in 1965 to enable culturally deprived youngsters of pre-school age to obtain the background needed for entrance into elementary schools. Once in elementary school, audio-visual aids, library facilities, a remedial reading teacher, and a speech therapist are made available to the children.

An "accelerated" program has been instituted in the Junior High so that the more precocious youngsters are able to progress faster. Courses in math and science are taught a year earlier than normally. An orthogenic class established in 1925 under Charlotte Mathison is also being continued today.

A varied and well rounded curriculum is offered by the high school. The basic courses are described as Classical, Commercial, Industrial, Distributive Education, and General. For the student wishing to further his academic education, the classical course has been designed. Studies are concentrated in science, mathematics, English, history and foreign languages. Clerical, Bookkeeping, and Secretarial training are offered by the Commercial Department. In the Industrial School, machine shop, electricity, patternmaking, drafting and Industrial Arts are taught. The development of the Industrial School was largely brought about through the efforts of J. A. Miller, Sol Danovitz, and Matthew Frazier. The Commercial and Industrial Departments have also had the honor in the past years of winning and placing in regional and state contests in their respective fields. A Distributive Education class was instituted after World War II and is still in existence. Students in this department attend school during the morning and take classes in English, retailing economics, and merchandise information. During the remainder of the day, these students are able to maintain jobs and get immediate opportunity in their fields.

From September until March, Evening School is held for persons over 16. Classes for which 10 have registered will be formed if they are not already offered, and high school credit is given for these classes. Since the school started in 1923 approximately 10,000 people have taken courses. New Kensington Extension Summer

School is also accredited in Western Pennsylvania.

High School student organizations have also been a credit to the School District. The organizations and their activities over the years are too numerous to list, however, the following is a sample of the type of student action in New Kensington.

Since its establishment in 1916, the Student Bank, whose staff consists of selected commercial students, has handled all the finances of the various school organizations. A Dramatics Club in existence since 1925 presents one act plays at its monthly meetings and a three act play for the public yearly. "El Circulo Espanol", the Spanish Club, until recently sent worthy students to participate in oral and written contests in Philadelphia and, in 1962, took first place in the oral competition. New Kensington was well known in this contest; the club now offers a partial school scholarship to send a student to South America. A debate team, "the Junior Town Meeting," presently associated with the Penn. State Speech League, debates for area schools and civic organizations. Members of the Future Nurses, also known as the "Candy Strippers," assist with various duties in C.G.H. A few years ago, the N.K.H.S. Band was invited to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. The N.K.H.S. Senior Choir has participated in operas in the Pittsburgh area and each Spring presents a concert for the public. In its 41st year of publication, the Kentonian, the school newspaper, has received many high ratings.

Ken Hi also participates in two foreign exchange programs, the American Field Service and the International Fellowship. It is an indication of the excellence of the New Kensington-Arnold School District that high school students frequently win Alcoa Scholarships, National Science Foundation, and National Merit Awards. New Kensington students are regularly admitted to the finest colleges and universities in the country.

Many kinds of sports can be found at Ken High. Ken High has been a member of the W P I A L since May, 1919. The Ken High Memorial Stadium was completed in 1945 with a seating capacity of approximately 8,000.

With all types of opportunity available to Ken Hi students, it is no wonder that Ken Hi graduates have left a tradition of progress that has carried New Kensington to its Diamond Jubilee and will continue to carry it through to its Centennial Celebration.

Present members of the School Board are: Blair E. Gensamer, Edmund Humeniuk, Dr. Robert Beatty, Henry J. Bitar, Michael Felack, Nicholas H. Pallone, James Patterson, Jr., Francis Richards, and Dr. Carl Vonderheid.

## **NEW KENSINGTON COMMERCIAL SCHOOL**

New Kensington Commercial School is one of New Kensington's oldest existing institutions, being organized as Sayre Business College in 1895.

In 1930 the school was under the management of Miss Rosetta Turner, who changed the name of the school to New Kensington Commercial School. During the post-war years following World War I, the school was the largest post-high school educational institution in Westmoreland County and had a branch school in Tarentum. The school also offered correspondence courses to people unable to attend resident classes. Mr. Dinninger was the director of the school during this period. During the late thirties, Mr. Leo Gould, who now

resides in Michigan, managed the school. Subsequent directors were Mrs. Bertha Kile and Dr. Joseph Pallone, who is now superintendent of the city of Monessen Schools. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Ryan have directed the New Kensington Commercial School since 1955.

During its seventy-two-year-old history, the school has trained hundreds of people in the Allegheny-Kiski Valley. Numbered among its graduates are many successful business people; i.e., public accountants, industrial accountants, government accountants, secretaries, and others in general business. Many have risen to management positions as certified public accountants and supervisory positions in banks, government, industry and union offices.

In recent years the school was nationally "accredited" as a two-year business training institution and has transfer of credit with several colleges for those people who seek a bachelor's degree.

Officials of the school were prominent in offering testimony on Federal Educational Programs that have been enacted into law. These are the Cold War G.I. Bill, the Man-Power Training Act, and the National Vocational Student Loan Act.

The school was in the foreground in establishing criteria by which business school students may now participate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania scholarship and loan programs.

The school is also a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Business Schools, the United Business School Association, and the New Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce.

New Kensington Commercial School is licensed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Business Schools, Department of Public Instruction and is accepted for training by the United States Veterans Administration, State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

New Kensington Commercial School offers complete programs in accounting, business administration, secretarial, automation, and clerical areas of business training.

## **PENN STATE UNIVERSITY - NEW KENSINGTON CAMPUS**

After a careful appraisal of local needs for higher and continuing education by The Pennsylvania State University and the New Kensington Chamber of Commerce, the Penn State New Kensington Center was opened in September 1958 in the First Ward School Building. The Center opened with 79 students enrolled in the Drafting and Design Technology and the Electrical and Electronics Technology programs. In 1963, the Center moved to the former Parnassus High School and in September 1963 undergraduate credit courses were offered on a part-time basis and in September 1964 on a full-time basis. At that time there were 23 students enrolled in the first-year programs of Education, Liberal Arts, Business Administration and Home Economics. These students took their first year of studies at New Kensington and went to University Park to finish the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. In September, 1965 there were 204 full-time students enrolled and 138 part-time students.

Presently, the Center is involved in a much needed building program. The Aluminum Company of America gave the University 35 acres in Upper Burrell Township about 4-1/2 miles from New Kensington to establish a college campus. In October 1965 ground was broken for the first of 16 proposed classroom, laboratory, office and library buildings. The first building, financed with monies raised in a local fund drive, is expected to be ready for classes in September 1966. A General State Authority allocation for buildings No. 2 and No. 3 and a Federal grant for buildings No. 4 and No. 5 have been received. These five buildings will enable the campus to have an enrollment of 500-600 full-time students and permit the campus to offer the first two years of undergraduate work in the Colleges of Education, Science, Liberal Arts, Home Economics, Business Administration and Engineering in addition to the Associate Degree Programs now offered. Ultimately, the 16 buildings will permit the campus to have a student body of 1000-1200 full-time students. The Center's Advisory Board is comprised of 33 business and professional men and women representing various communities of the Allegheny-Kiski Region, the area served by New Kensington Center. William F. McCabe served as Advisory Board president for the first five years, George S. Hubbard served two terms and John W. Jenks is the current president. Eugene E. Heide has been director of the Center since it opened in 1958.

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

The Citizens General Hospital School of Nursing, founded in 1913, is an important adjunct to the hospital.

During more than a half century of existence, the school has enjoyed a fine reputation for providing an education which benefits the student, the patients he cares for, and the community.

During their three years of training, young men and women in the School of Nursing are educated in all phases of patient care, including obstetrics, medicine, surgery, pediatrics, psychiatry, nutrition, and public health - to mention just a few.

At present 98 students are enrolled in the Citizens General Hospital School of Nursing - more than ten times the enrollment in the School's early years.

The students stay in a residence on Freeport Road, New Kensington - the former Alcoa club-





## *The Pennsylvania State University*

### NEW KENSINGTON CAMPUS ADVISORY BOARD

### CONGRATULATES THE CITY OF NEW KENSINGTON ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The branch campus here in the Allegheny-Kiski Valley of a major university is expanding and growing to better meet and serve the community's needs for higher and continuing education. As the community progresses and advances, so does The New Kensington Campus to better prepare the youth of today to serve as the community and industrial leaders of tomorrow.

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house which the Aluminum Company of America donated to the School in 1962. Prior to 1962, students lived in the large building at the corner of Seventh Street and Third Avenue, a gift to the hospital from Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kinloch in 1922. This building is now used for classrooms and offices and as a residence for the male students.

(The first male students were admitted to the School in 1957.)

In 1958, the School began its affiliation with The Pennsylvania State University. Utilization of this affiliation has provided the students with basic instruction in the sociological, physical, and biological sciences.

The School of Nursing is approved by the State Board of Nurse Examiners and, in 1964, received six-year accreditation by the National League for Nursing.

Students who complete the three-year program receive a diploma in nursing and are eligible to write the State Board Examinations for Licensure.

During the more than half century of existence, the School has been continuously improving its program to offer the nursing student the finest and the most modern concepts in nursing and nursing education.

The faculty now includes fifteen persons, in addition to Director Mrs. Marjorie Montanari and Assistant Director Mrs. Mary K. Slezak.

## **THE PEOPLES LIBRARY**

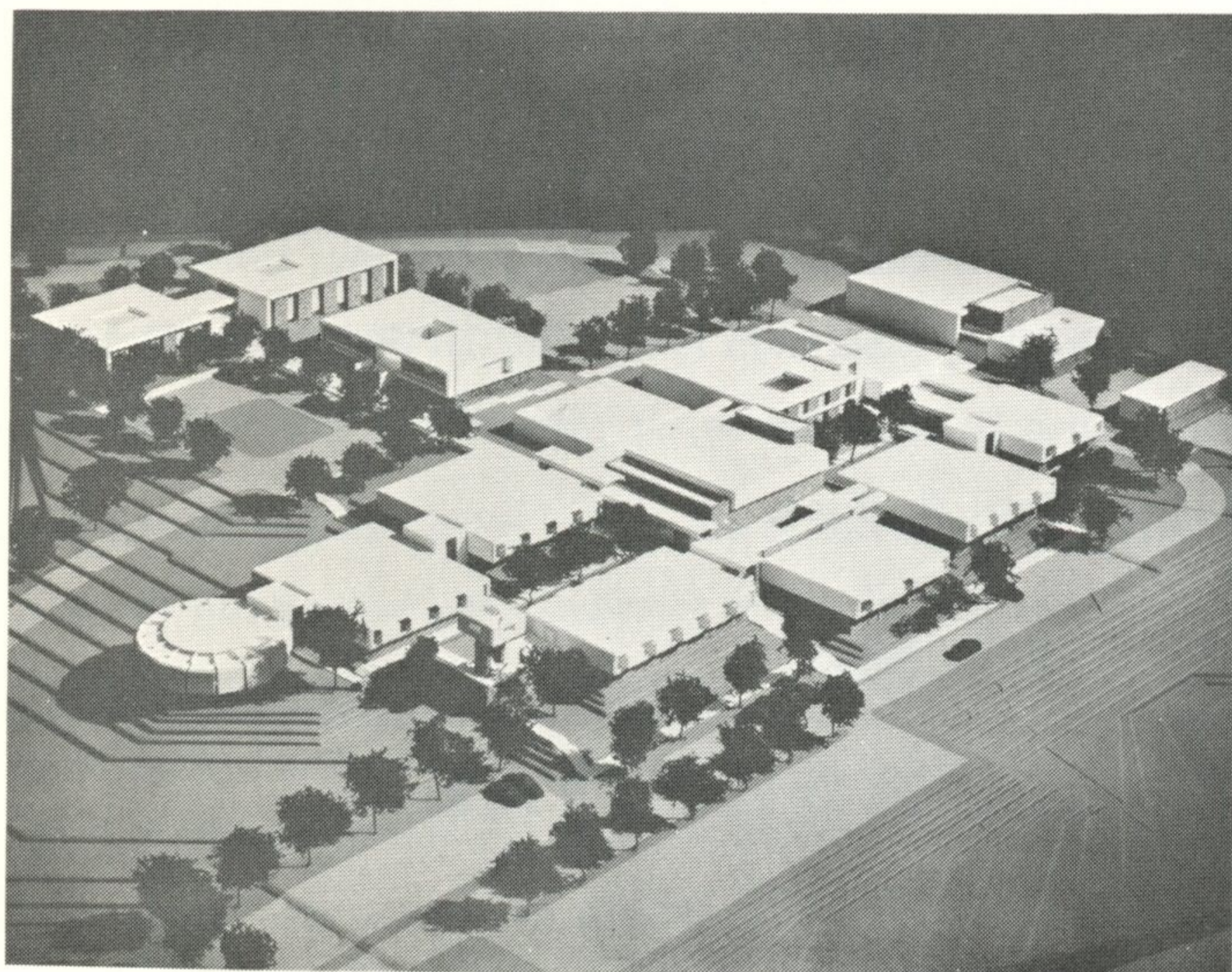
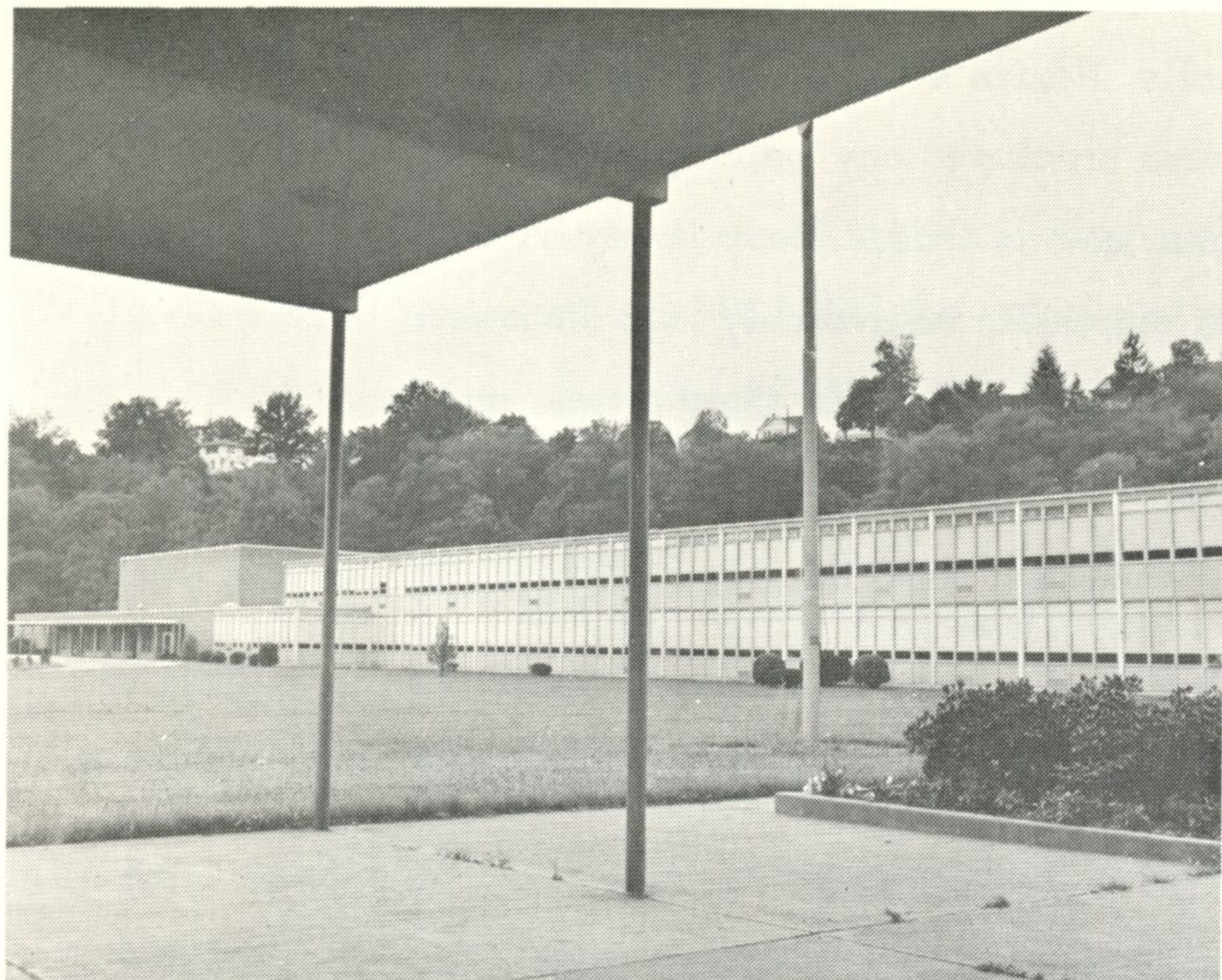
On October 6, 1927, a group of civic-minded citizens of Parnassus, Arnold, and New Kensington met for the purpose of planning a public library. For an agreed-upon \$1.00 per person, memberships were granted in the proposed Tri-Borough Free Public Library. Concerts, with singers and artists to appear from as far away as Pittsburgh, were held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of the old City Hall on Fourth Ave. Enough funds for books were raised to have a Grand Opening on September 10, 1928, in the American Legion Hut. First Librarian was Miss Lillian Sutherland.

There were 2907 books in the new library, — 66 reference, 60 children's, some current fiction, and many donated by the populace. The bulk was obviously outdated fiction, undesirable for a library. Today, our library has 22,123 books. By American Library Standards, we should have 85,000 to 100,000 for 45,000 population in three cities.

In October, 1928, 3608 books were circulated to 1666 borrowers! The space was too small to handle the public and certain days only were set aside for children's use. On July 14, 1930, the library moved to the American Legion Building. On March 1, 1935, a name change was made to Free Public Library.

On October 18, 1946, the library was incorporated as the Peoples Library. Funds were so inadequate that we suffered without a librarian from September, 1947, to March, 1948, at which time Mrs. Tyrrell was engaged as part-time librarian. Mrs. Tyrrell is today the Head Librarian, with two qualified Assistant Librarians.

Today's library occupies quarters in a building at Seventh St. and Fifth Ave., due mainly to the goodwill and generosity of one of our best-known merchants, W. C. Klingensmith, Jr.



The New Kensington High School.  
 Our Hospital School of Nursing.  
 Swimming pool and tennis courts are some attractive features.  
 This architect's model of the Penn State-New Kensington Campus  
 is now in the process of construction.  
 The New Kensington Commercial School has about 300 students  
 and a broad curriculum.  
 St. Joseph School at Kenneth and Locust.  
 St. Mary and St. Peter also have fine and new parochial  
 school buildings.



The history of the library has been one of poverty and "neglect". Income has always been woefully inadequate; "donations" from three City Councils, Women's Clubs, and the like, and almost half its revenue from the Community Fund, have precluded any major growth. A State Library Survey, theme papers of college librarians, and an independent survey by an out-of-state library "expert" invariably contrast it extremely unfavorably with Monessen, Greensburg, Jeannette, and Latrobe, neighboring cities far smaller than the three cities, and smaller even than New Kensington alone. The same comparisons in Circulation per capita and operating expenditures is made with 90 average U. S. Communities of 35,000 population.

The present Library Board needs adequate working capital, and a home of its own. These are the subject of a campaign organized by the present Library Board. It envisions 12 - 18 personnel, 27,000 square feet of space and 90,000 books.

Since the organization of The Fortnightly Club in 1907 - 1908, which had a library shelf in a drug store, Peter Edward Moran has been constantly associated with library efforts in New Kensington, and is surely the oldest person in service on the present Library Board.

The present board is headed by W. O. Lytle, President, Amelia Cooch, Vice President, G. Elizabeth Hockey Secretary, and Albert Guzzo, Treasurer. Chairman of the Building Committee is Edward J. Shehab, Personnel Committee Chairman is the Rev. Richard E. Barnes, Library Property Chairman is Russell M. Smith, and Public Relations and Publicity Committee members are: Chairman, Otto R. Knauerhase, Jr., Radio and T.V. publicity, Mrs. Ray H. Rosenblum, and in charge of Public Appearances, Paul W. Hase.

## **HOSPITALS**

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### **CITIZENS GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Citizens General Hospital was chartered in 1912, more than a half century ago.

When the small, private "Trinity Hospital" - located in the former home of Alex Logan on Sixth Avenue in Parnassus - seemed to fail after a year's existence, the townspeople rallied in support of a public medical institution within the community.

A charter was secured for the maintenance of a general hospital for benevolent and charitable purposes on December 12, 1912. This institution was to provide medical, surgical, and nursing care. The new hospital was appropriately called "Citizens General Hospital."

Citizens General Hospital assumed the properties and obligations of the private Trinity Hospital.

In 1914, after two somewhat difficult years, a drive for funds was initiated, netting \$85,000. Purpose of the fund drive was to replace the small hospital headquarters in the Logan home - which accommodated only six patients - with a new building which would accommodate approximately 60 patients.

In the same year, the Aluminum Company of America donated the lot (valued at \$10,000) on which the new hospital would be constructed, at the corner of Seventh Street and Fourth Avenue.

Construction of the hospital began in September.



# THE LITTLE SHOP

*Of*

*The Womens' Auxiliary*

*Citizens General Hospital*

(Compliments of a Supplier)



On October 10, 1915, the new headquarters of New Kensington's Citizens General Hospital, with 60 beds and 24 bassinets, was opened for patients.

As the city continued to grow, the need for expansion of the hospital's facilities became urgent. In 1922, a new wing with 24 additional beds was constructed.

That same year, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Kinloch presented the hospital with the keys to a newly-constructed home for nurses.

In 1940, the hospital was again expanded to accommodate 147 beds and 57 bassinets.

In 1952, the hospital was further expanded, bringing the total capacity to 244 beds and 48 bassinets — a far cry from the hospital's modest beginnings in 1912.

In 1958, a long range master plan of development for the hospital was prepared. At present, the Board of Trustees of the hospital is utilizing this plan as the basis of a series of expansions which began in 1964 and will continue during the next twelve years.

Ground was broken in January, 1964, for a new \$2,250,000 diagnostic wing to accommodate the expanded facilities of the Radiology Department, Laboratory, Pharmacy, and Central Supply Department, and to provide an additional 22 patient beds. In addition, the facilities of the crowded Emergency Room were enlarged, and older areas within the Main Building were modernized.

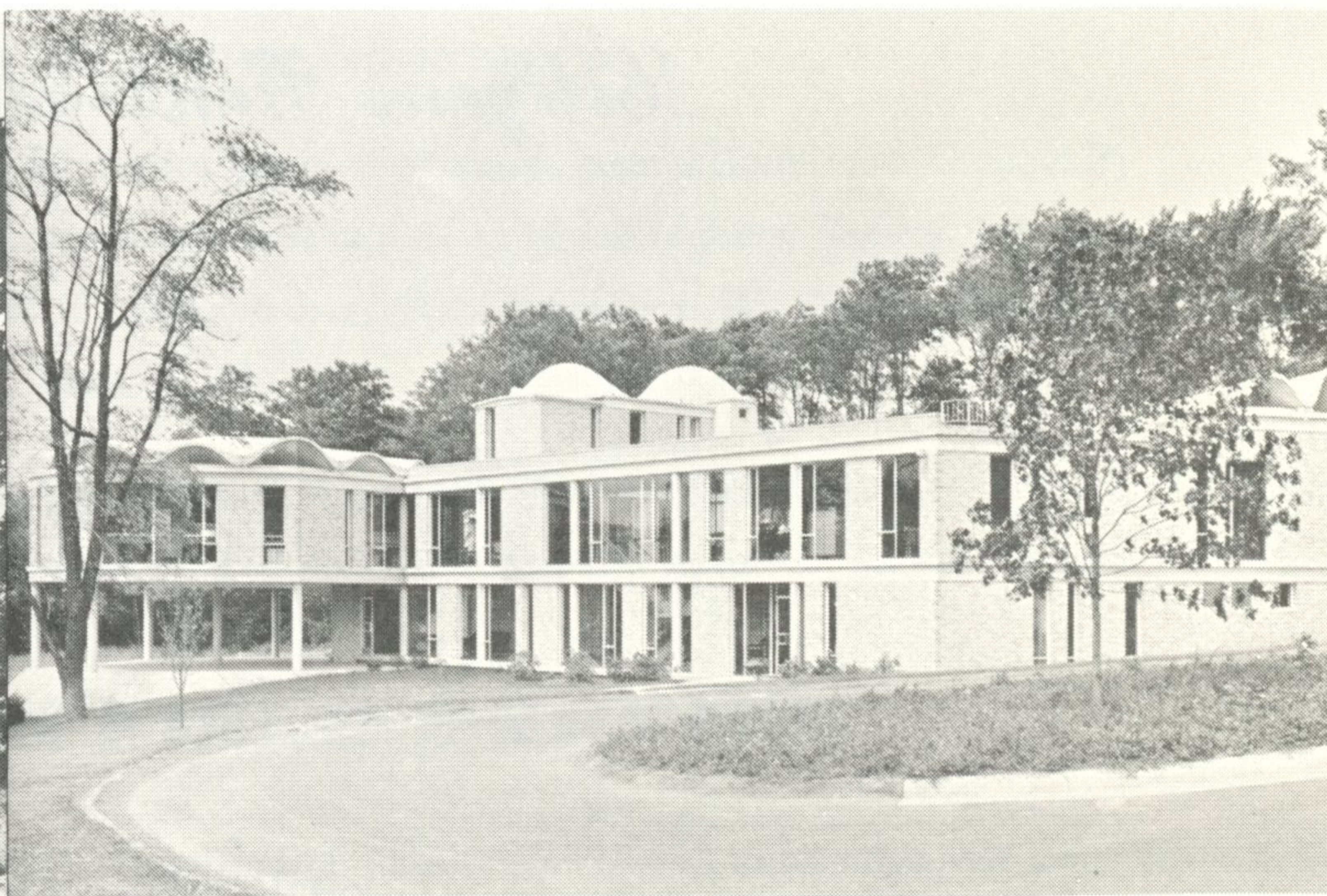
The dedication of this new diagnostic wing and the adjoining areas will be held Sunday, July 24, during New Kensington's Diamond Jubilee celebration.

After more than a half century of existence, Citizens General Hospital remains a non-profit organization whose goal and responsibility is to provide the citizens of the community with high quality hospital services at the most reasonable cost possible.

The hospital now employs more than 650 highly trained and skilled employees in nearly 200 different job classifications to provide the finest in medical care.

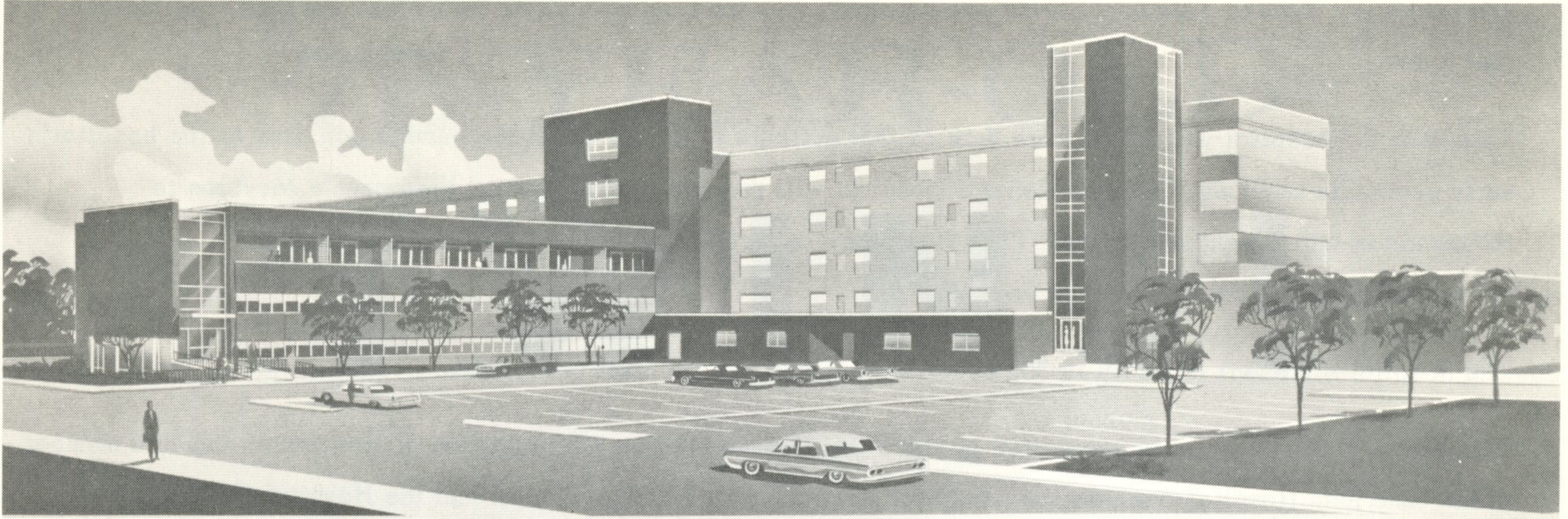


Our First Hospital Old Logan Home on Sixth Ave. between 4th and 5th Streets.



The Miners Clinic's.

Be sure to look at the CGH public service advertisement in this book to see the beautiful hospital which graces our city today. —Citizens General Hospital



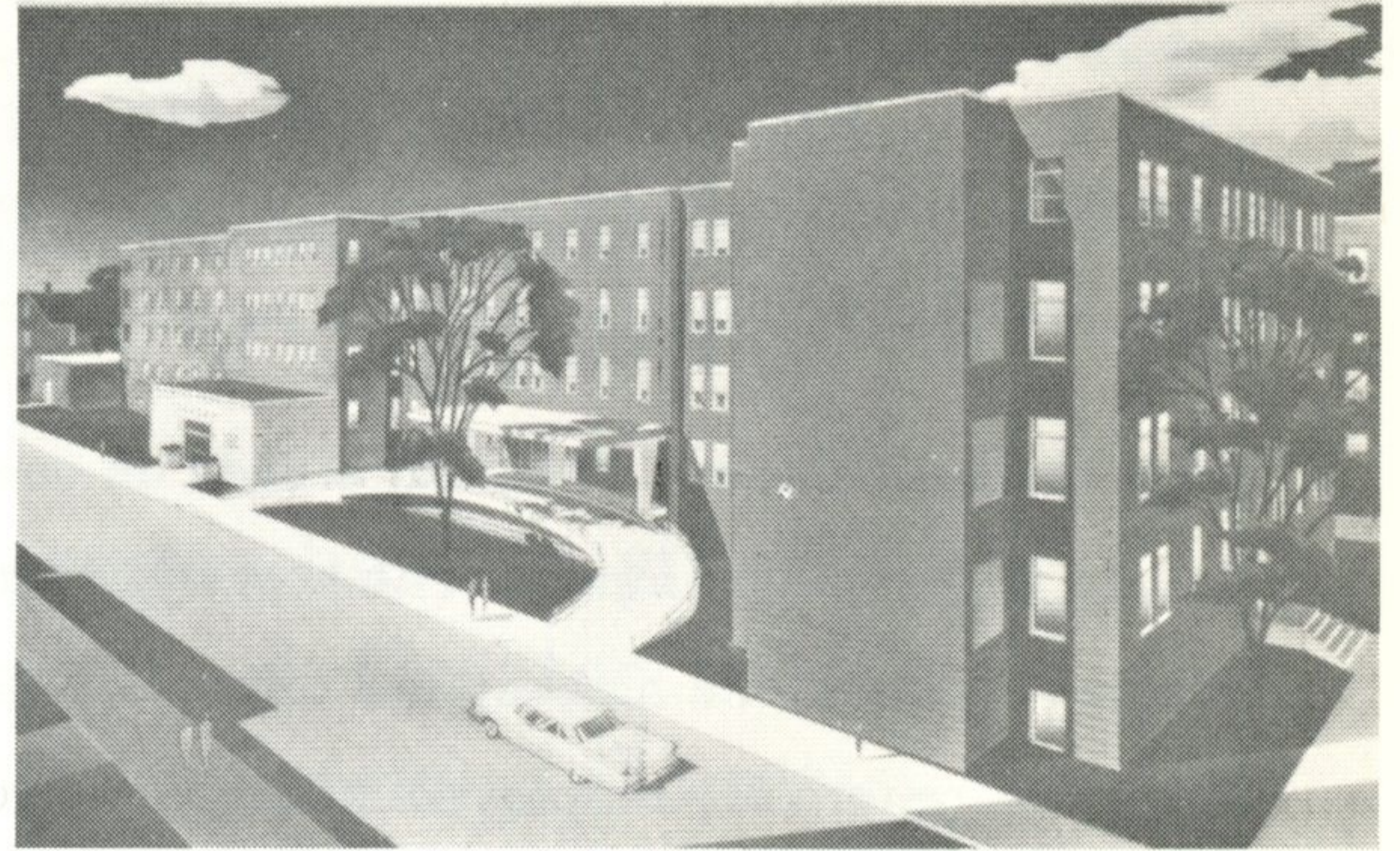
# *Citizens General Hospital*

*New Kensington, Pennsylvania  
1912 - 1966*

*54 Years of continuous Service to the community*



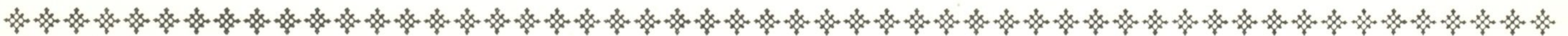
*The Hospital That Cares For Your Good Health*



## **NEW KENSINGTON CLINIC OF THE RUSSELLTON MEDICAL GROUP AND MINERS CLINIC, INC.**



*providing service to the whole community  
salutes New Kensington on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary*



New services have been offered during the hospital's half century of existence to meet the needs of the community – Physical Therapy, Electrocardiography, Electroencephalograph, Inhalation Therapy – to mention just a few.

This year the hospital will admit more than 11,000 patients – eleven times the number admitted in the hospital's early years. In addition, Citizens General Hospital will provide diagnostic and therapeutic services to thousands of out-patients this year. (The Radiology Department alone performs at least 20,000 out-patient radiological exams each year.)

The hospital's present capacity is 305 beds, with nearly 100 per cent occupancy.

Citizens General Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, and is a member of the American Hospital Association, Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, and the Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania.

Hospital officials recently received notification that Citizens General Hospital has been approved by the Social Security Administration as a participating hospital for Medicare.

Today Citizens General Hospital stands as one of the proudest accomplishments of the civic-minded citizens of New Kensington. The hospital is a tribute to the unselfish service of its Board of Trustees, doctors and nurses, and office and maintenance staffs; and – most of all – to the efforts and generosity displayed during more than a half century by the people for whom the hospital is so aptly named.

## **MINERS CLINICS**

Fourteen years ago, a group of coal miners in Russellton got together to find ways and means of improving the health care for themselves and their families. They thought that a clinic would provide them with services they wanted. They were able to get a young general practitioner named Thompson A. Ferrier to agree to provide them with services. Dr. Ferrier wanted to practice within a group rather than on his own so two other doctors were induced to join, making the Russellton Medical Group.

The Medical Group needed a building so the coal miners signed a note and pledged their homes on a hardware store which was then converted into a clinic. The name of the nonprofit organization these coal miners formed was Russellton Building, Inc. In 1963, the name was officially changed to Miners Clinics, Inc. in order to recognize that coal miners had started it.

From the first, the clinic was well received, so well in fact that it was soon necessary to open branches in Acmetonia, Apollo and later in Parnassus. Medical care was provided in these offices not only to coal miners but to non-miners also. Today, services are evenly divided between coal miners and the general public including steel workers, glass workers, and others from all walks of life.

When the clinics were still young, it became obvious that the center of population and the greatest concentration of need for its services was in the New Kensington area. By this time the clinics had several years of successful operation so that a large mortgage was obtained and plans



completed for a head office in New Kensington. This head office was opened in June of 1963. It is a beautifully designed building of over 16,000 square feet of space equipped with the latest of scientific medical outpatient equipment.

The growth continues and this building which was expected to last for many years is overcrowded in many departments. More and more of the people of our area learned from other patients that everyone can get care at the Miners Clinics.

## **VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

Many were the skeptical ones who said "It can't be done" but a seed was planted in June 1960 by The New Kensington Council of Greater Community Resources. The area has been barren of any visiting home nursing service for over 19 years and the challenge was given to the Council's Health Committee, with Mrs. J. M. Snyder chairman, to activate such service.

After endless hours of careful planning and research the Western Westmoreland County Visiting Nurse Association was inaugurated with the headquarters in the Arnold Municipal Building. One nurse was available for service calls to any person in New Kensington, Arnold, Lower and Upper Burrell. The Community Fund partially supported the agency financially and interested persons helped by taking membership in the organization for \$1.00. Fees were charged for visits but adjusted to the family income when necessary.

A Board of Directors of not less than 15 persons, elected from willing, civic minded persons in the four districts with five doctors in a medical advisory capacity, determine the policies of the association and interpret its work to the public. The nurses work only under the direct orders of a physician.

As the demand for services increased nurses were added to the staff. At present there are four full time nurses with headquarters in the Seventh Street Student Nurse's Residence at Citizens General Hospital.

The group has been anticipating the "care" explosion problem which may result with the beginning of Medicare in July. The work load must continue to be carefully supervised and planned to meet the growing needs. The roots of this service are healthy and have taken a firm hold but, as adjustments are met in the increased services, the cooperation and patience of all concerned is required. We do have and will continue to have, in the VNA, a community service in which we can be justly proud.



# GOVERNMENT SERVICES

It seems appropriate to start the History of the Government of the City of New Kensington with the Redevelopment Authority, because the Redevelopment Authority could accomplish nothing without the complete cooperation of all the other Municipal Authorities and Departments.

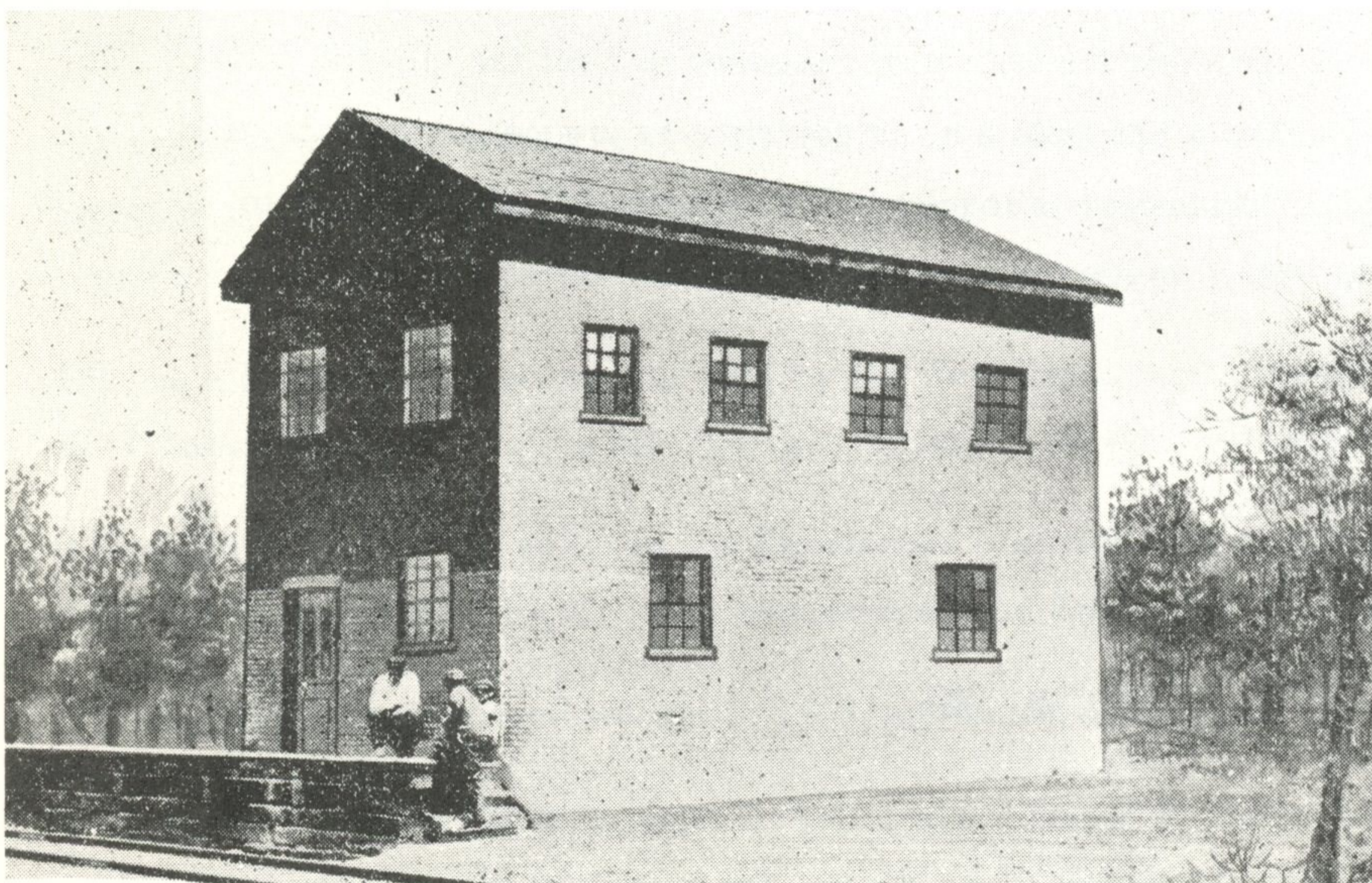
In recent years the Redevelopment Authority has coordinated dramatic changes in our Traffic Patterns, Water and Sewage System, and the relocation of other utilities as major areas of blight have been bulldozed in Parnassus and the First Ward.

The School District and the Westmoreland County Housing Authority provided a new Elementary School and a new Low Rent Housing Site which made the First Ward Project possible. Private enterprises, acting through various independent developers, have constructed major new buildings to replace the dilapidated dwellings which were demolished. Years of planning the development, and Corporation Agreements between the Municipal Authorities and Departments, were necessary before Urban Renewal could get off the ground.

The Redevelopment Authority was founded in 1950 by John F. Haser, Raymond E. Gardlock, O. R. Grotefend, John F. Krupa, Norman L. Koontz, and Frank H. Recco. Little was accomplished until 1961, when under the leadership of Ralph C. Turner and William J. Hanka, New Kensington finally got Urban Renewal started in the Parnassus Triangle, but problems of relocation, financing and coordination of the public improvements remained an obstacle in the First Ward.

In 1962, the Administration of Mayor Edward G. Zaleski, in rapid succession established the CAC passed the necessary codes, and the public responded with a bond issue which made it possible for New Kensington to move forward on the First Ward Project.

Under the leadership of Chairman Vincent F. Zannetti, and the Executive Director James R. Cooper, ably assisted by Michael Dibas, Bernard Potts, and Solicitor Louis Claster, the Authority moved into high gear as over 230 structures were demolished in 1964.



A view of the Old Parnassus stationhouse (and voting place) long since gone. -Margaret Glover

The well known Parnassus Borough building now a furniture factory. -Margaret Glover

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JOHN H. DENT  
21ST DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA  
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**Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.**

June 8, 1966

COMMITTEE  
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ALESH TENGHI

Honorable Lenus H. Hileman  
Office of the Mayor  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Hileman:

It gives me a great personal pleasure, and I deem it a privilege, to join with the citizens of New Kensington and your official family in recognizing the 75th birthday of this great community.

The lifetime of New Kensington, its beginning, its growth, and its present stature is a recording of a great Nation's progress. We know its industrial and business strength; we know its many fine churches; its great metropolitan newspaper, radio station, and service facilities; yet in congratulating this city today one must give first credit to its people for their contributions over this long period of time.

I have long and fond memories of my earliest days as a boy and the greatest treat of our lives was to be taken to New Kensington from our little coal mining hometown on the Allegheny.

I have many relatives and friends who have made their lives in this community. To them, and to all the people of your great city, I wish continuing health, happiness, and success.

Sincerely yours,  
*John H. Dent*  
JOHN H. DENT, M.C.

JOSEPH S. CLARK  
PENNSYLVANIA

**United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

July 5, 1966

City of New Kensington  
c/o Mayor Lenus H. Hileman  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Dear Friends:

It is indeed a pleasure to congratulate the City of New Kensington on the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee, July 22-27. Your seventy-five year record of progress and development is one in which not only the people of New Kensington, but the entire state of Pennsylvania can take pride. As the original home of the Aluminum Company of America and the Regional Center of the Allegheny-Kiski Valley, you have made a substantial contribution to the industry of our state. I wish you continued success in your efforts to build a strong and vital community.

Sincerely yours,  
*Joseph S. Clark*  
JOSEPH S. CLARK

COMMITTEES:  
FOREIGN RELATIONS  
LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

  
**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
HARRISBURG**

June 16, 1966

GREETINGS:

Congratulations to the people of New Kensington as they celebrate the city's Diamond Jubilee, July 22-27. The residents of New Kensington have every reason for pride in the heritage of their community and for optimism concerning the future.

As the home of ALCOA and as a leading center for the manufacture of steel and glass, New Kensington is one of the State's important industrial sites.

I know that this festive 75th anniversary observance will be long remembered as a colorful and meaningful occasion in the city's history. May the future bring continued prosperity to the community and its people.

*William W. Scranton*  
WILLIAM W. SCRANTON  
GOVERNOR



WARREN G. MAGNUSON, WASH., CHAIRMAN  
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MARGARET M. BECKWITH, MISS.  
ROSS BASS, TEXAS  
EDWARD JARRETT, CHIEF CLERK

**United States Senate  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

July 5, 1966

Congratulations to all my many friends and fellow Pennsylvanians in New Kensington on your fine city's 75th anniversary celebration. New Kensington is one of our Commonwealth's key centers of trade and commerce, and since its founding in 1891 has served as an example of growth and progress for all Pennsylvanians. I know first hand of your many schools, the products of your industries, and your civic and cultural life, and it is both a privilege and a pleasure for me to join in this salute to New Kensington.

Sincerely,  
*Hugh Scott*  
Hugh Scott  
U.S. Senator

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
June 21, 1966

Dear Mayor Hileman:

The President was pleased to learn that New Kensington, Pennsylvania, will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary in July.

This Diamond Jubilee of your city is indeed an occasion for pride in the past accomplishments of the citizens of New Kensington as you reflect upon the outstanding record of growth. May the future bring continued progress to your community.

The President sends his warm congratulations and best wishes as you observe this significant milestone in your city's history.

Sincerely,  
*James Moyers*  
James Moyers  
Assistant to the President

1965 heralded an unprecedented year as 23 new major buildings were started in our Urban Renewal areas. This was made possible by the wide support given the program by New Kensington Citizens and particularly the cooperation of the Municipal Authorities and Departments and the various utilities. Urban Renewal is not an end in itself, but rather a means by which cities can be modernized to achieve better living conditions, better working conditions, and sound economic growth.

New Kensington can see on the horizon the Ninth Street and the Hospital Projects which will yield tremendous improvements for our City. The Redevelopment Authority has been able to keep New Kensington Urban Renewal plan on the move because of the community wide support it receives. Success of the Redevelopment Authority in the future is dependent on continued cooperation of our city officials and authorities.

## **CITY HALL**

New Kensington is a third class City with a commission type of Government, it was chartered in 1934. Its first form of government was as a Borough, being incorporated Nov. 18, 1892. D. M. McCarty was elected the first Burgess but he soon resigned to become the first Postmaster of the area. The first election was held Feb. 21, 1893 when the City Officials with five Councilmen were elected. They soon passed the first ordinance which compelled all property owners to install sidewalks, the citizens were objecting to the ankle deep mud.

Six men have been given the honor of serving the City as Mayor. The first was the Honorable Dan Burns, who was succeeded by Dick Reeser, Clarence Walley, Raymond Gardlock, Edward Zaleski and the incumbent Lenus H. Hileman. The Mayor and Council are the ruling bodies of the City, with the electorate being encouraged to attend Council meetings and be heard.

State Authorities have been a factor in City improvements. Members of all Municipal Authorities are appointed by City Council.

Appropriation for the construction of a Town Hall was made July 6, 1895, with the construction being completed in 1896. It was then considered a beautiful building with good security for local prisoners. This building was razed in March 1959. On Sept. 17, 1959 the seat of the City government was moved to the new Municipal Building on Leechburg Road at the City line.

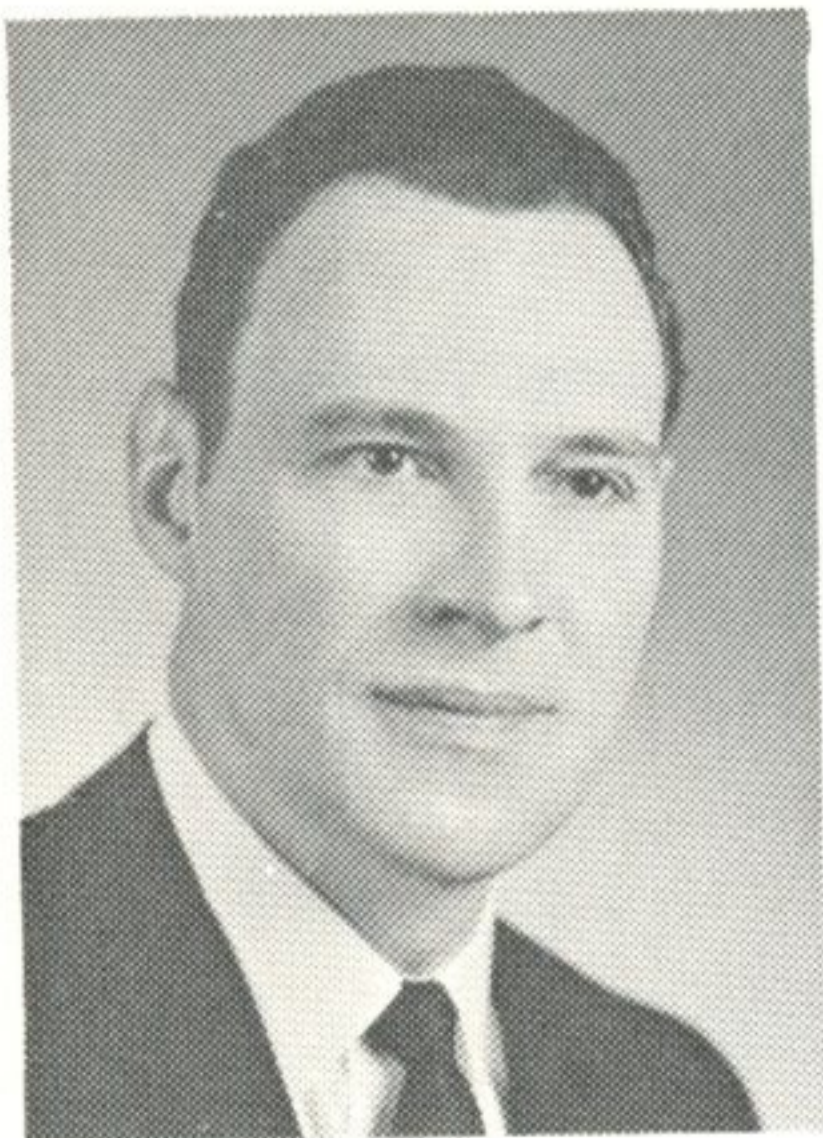
The area of New Kensington has been increased three times, the first in 1930 when Valley Heights, Valley Camp and East Kensington were annexed from Lower Burrell, in 1931 with the consolidation with Parnassus, and in 1952 when the controversial "Forty Acres" were annexed.

## **NEW KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Borough of New Kensington organized its first Police Department in the year 1891 under the direction of Chief Joseph Carlton. It was not until 1931 or forty (40) years later that the Department purchased a Ford patrol car. The Department has increased its mobility five hundred percent since the purchase of its first vehicle. All five patrol cars are now completely equipped with modern high frequency two way radios operation on a frequency of 154.740 megacycles with call letters of KGB376. In the event of power failure an emergency power system automatically supplies electricity for the continued protection of our residents.

# YOUR CHOSEN CITY OFFICIALS

*KEEPING PACE WITH AREA REQUIREMENTS!*



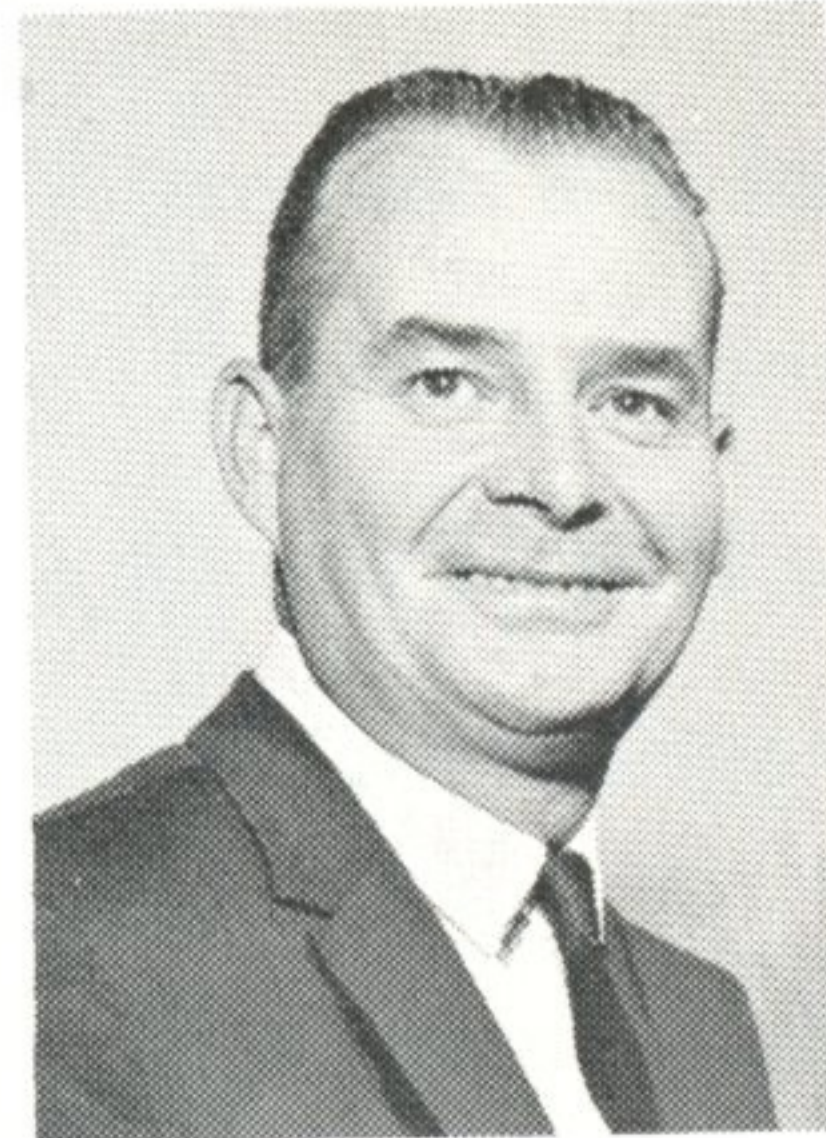
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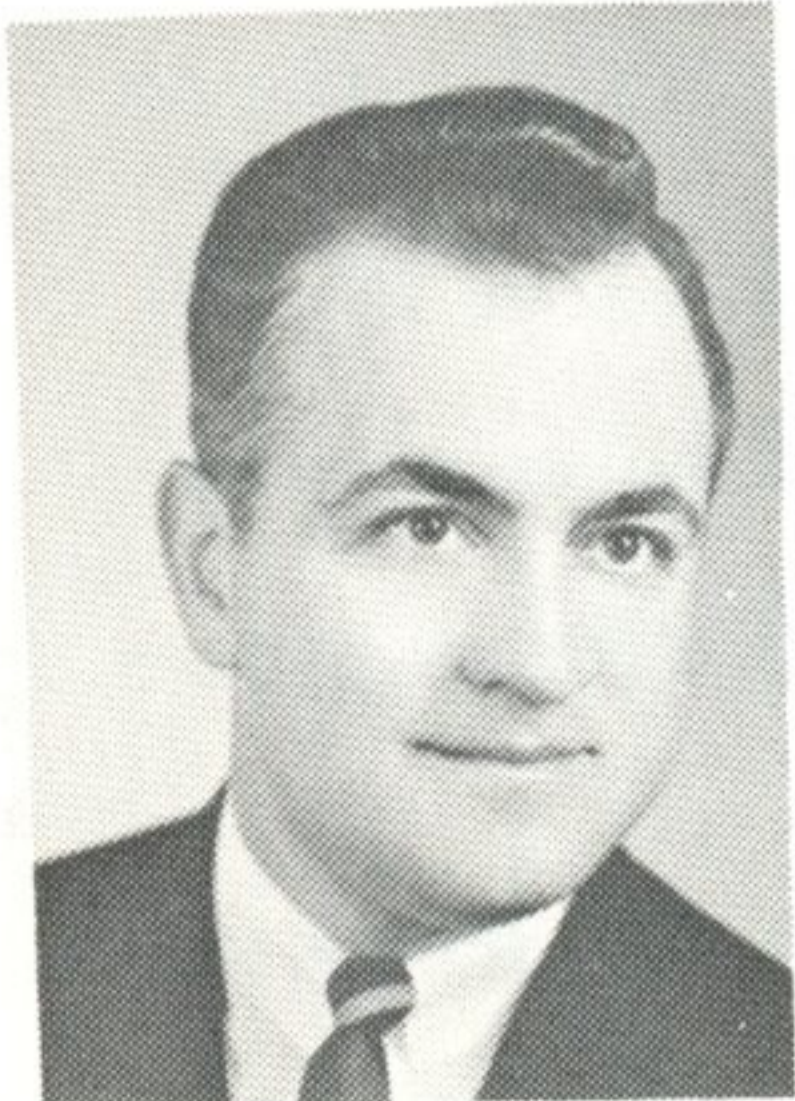
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JOHN MONACO  
CONTROLLOR



WALTER SUROWSKI  
TREASURER



ANNA MARIE DOMENICK  
CITY CLERK



FRANK RECCO  
CITY ENGINEER

Your elected city officials working hand in hand with other municipal, state and national committees to foster and promote this spirit of progress in all its many facets.

By coordinating every worthwhile effort your city officials will continue to pursue a course of action toward the dawning of a bright new era for the City of New Kensington.



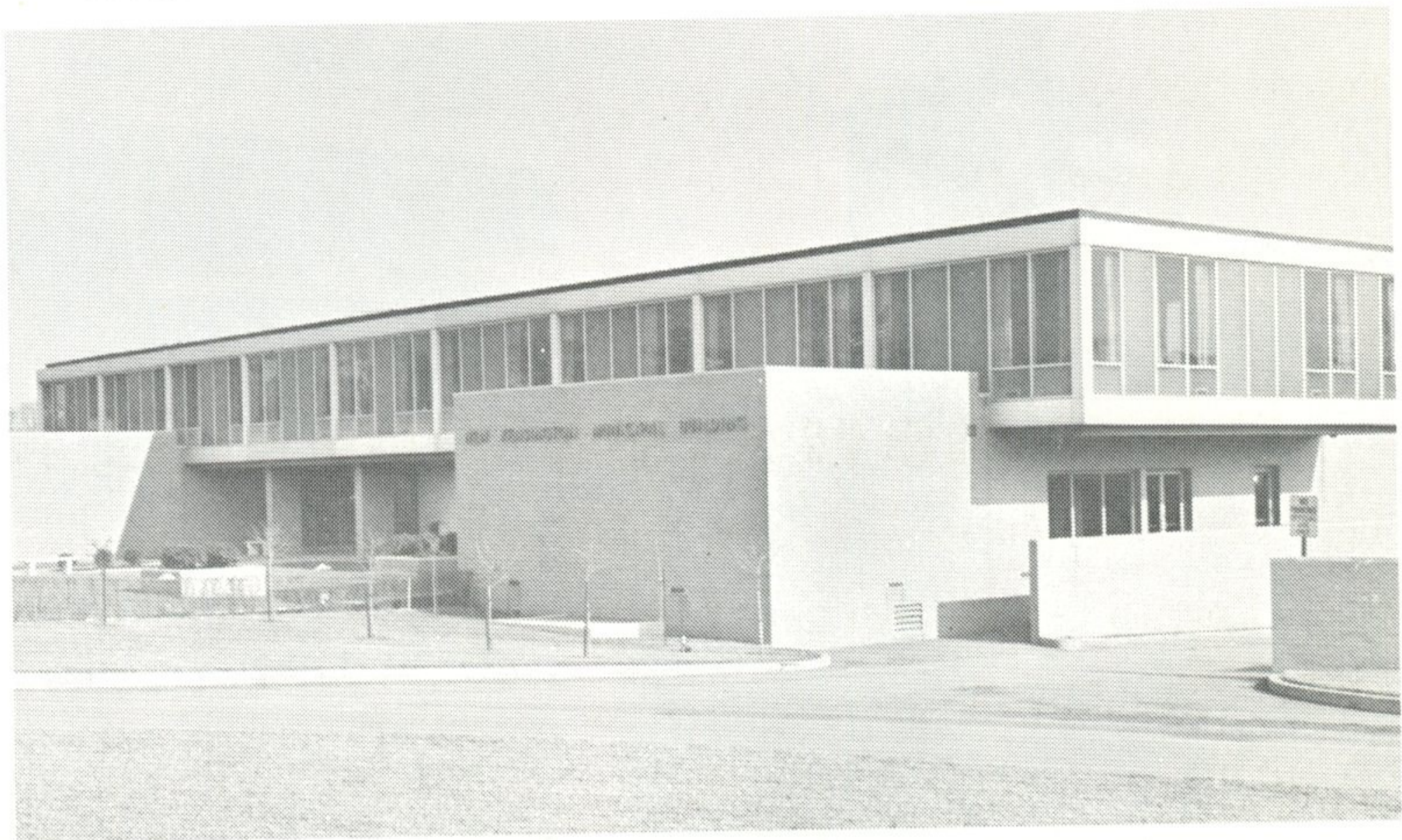
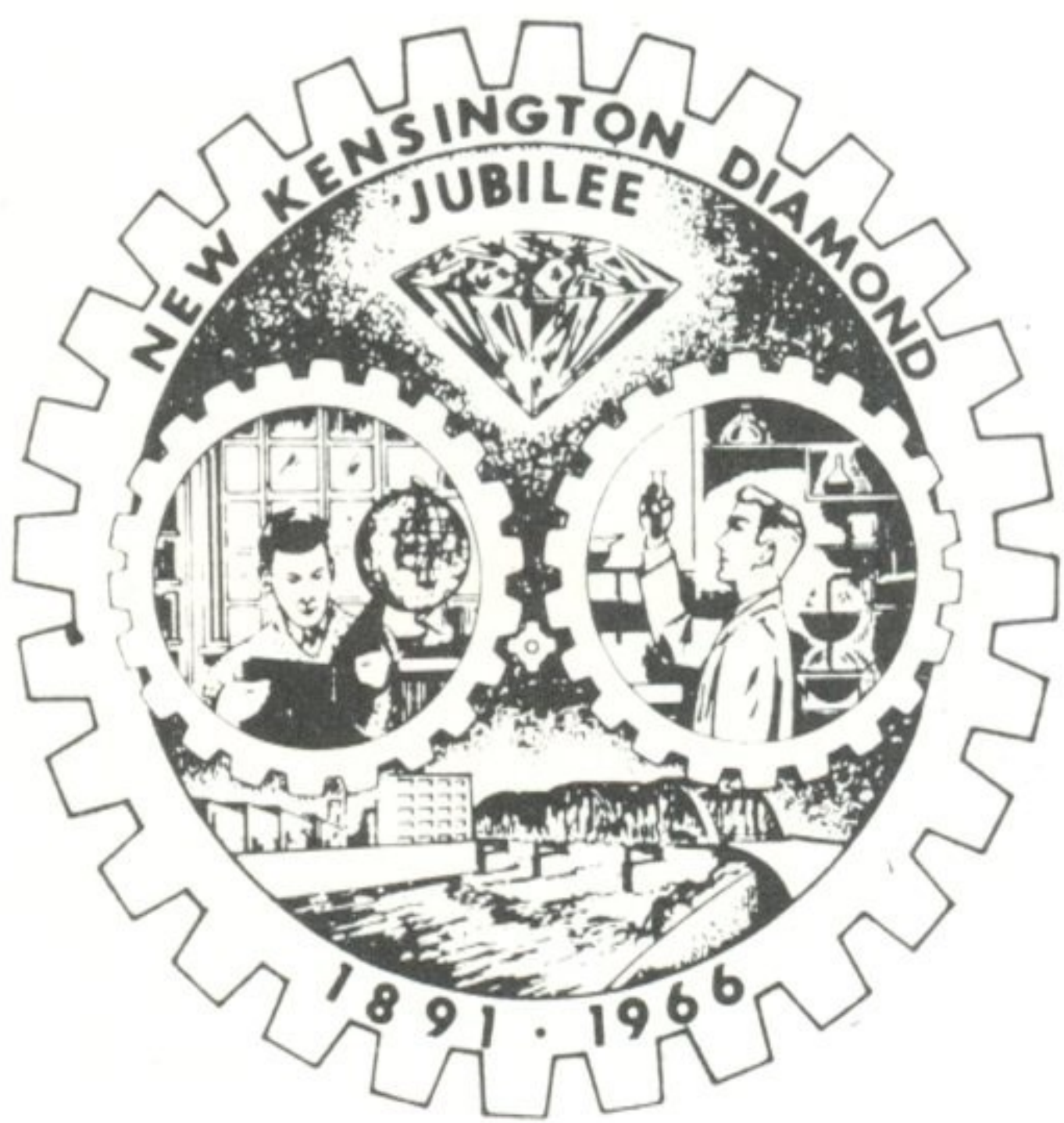
IRVING GREEN  
CITY SOLICITOR



ED McAFOOSE  
POLICE CHIEF



GENAUR LEMON  
FIRE CHIEF



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR CITY**

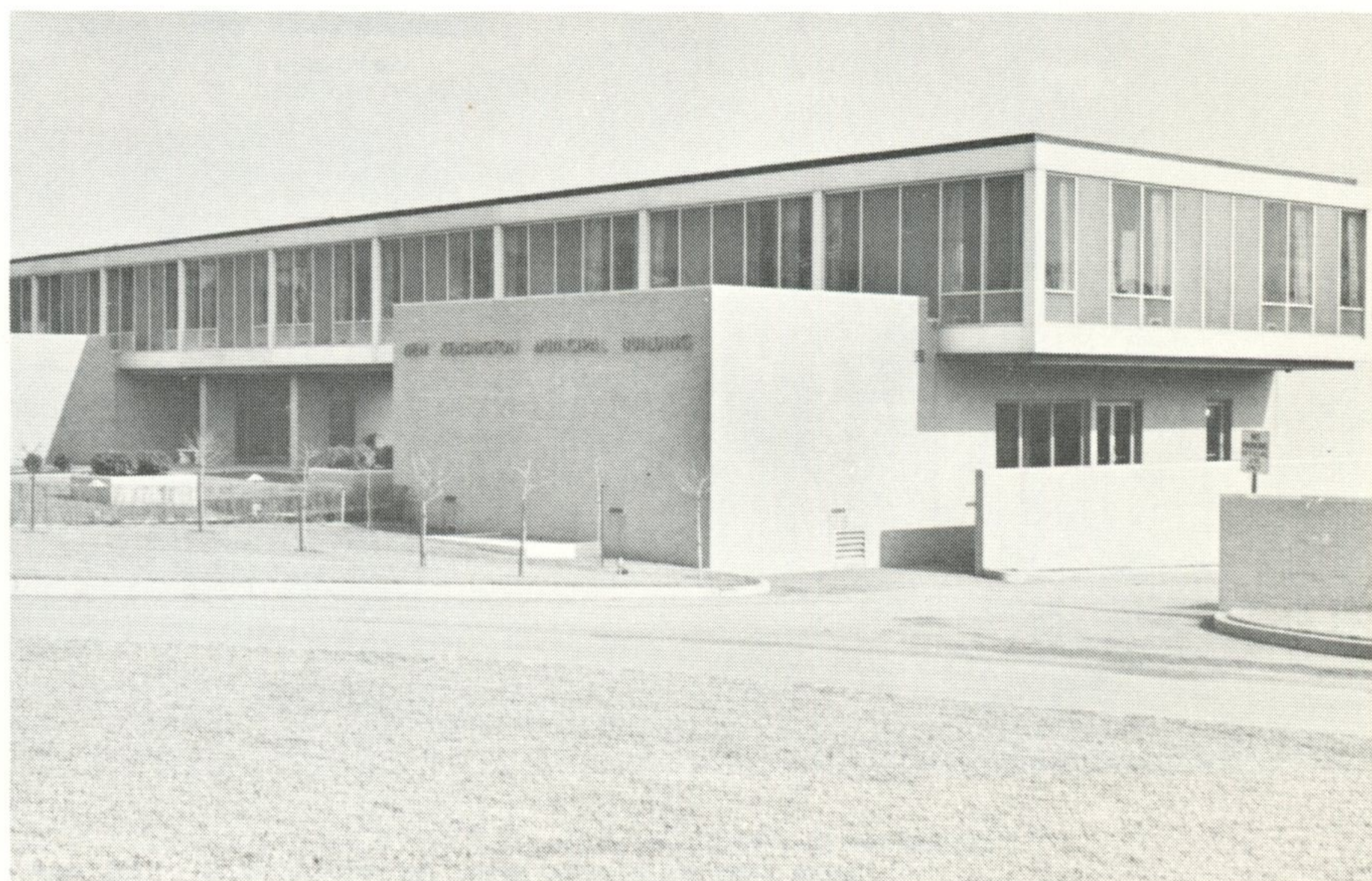
In 1891 the police force consisted of a small handful of men, today the force consists of 32 regular patrolmen, 6 sub-patrolmen and 14 policewomen. This complex operation is under the capable direction of Chief of Police, Edward McAfoose. Chief McAfoose's staff officers consists of (1) Captain, William Elwood, (4) Lieutenants, Thomas Dumont, James Sicilia, Nick Perriello and Daniel W. Joseph and (3) Sergeants. Lt. Sicilia also is in charge of the departments 14 police-women who act as crossing guards to protect our children on the way to and from school. In addition the Department has appointed Lt. Daniel W. Joseph as a full time Juvenile Officer to direct the Junior Patrol which consists of 190 members and to deal with all cases involving juveniles.

The Department is proud of it's modern detention facilities and has annually received a letter of commendation from the Department of Justice for conforming with good detention practices. Complete fingerprinting services are maintained including a file of over 6,000 prints. A new automatic photographing system was recently installed for immediate photographing of prisoners.

In our ever changing world, it is necessary to conduct frequent training programs. The Department is presently engaged in such a program under the direction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. You can be sure that the New Kensington Police Department will do everything possible to maintain these high standards. It has been stated that an efficient Police Department is largely dependent upon the local residents. It is therefore essential that every resident in the City of New Kensington continue to cooperate to his or her fullest extent and as a result the Department will be able to further improve it's services to our residents.

## **NEW KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the New Kensington Fire Department belongs the distinction of being the first public organization formed in the town of Kensington. This was brought about after a bucket brigade had extinguished a fire at the Rhodes property, Ivy Alley and Ninth Street, November 17, 1891. On the evening of November 20th, 1891, a meeting was called and the Citizens Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 was founded. The company secured a Charter from the Westmoreland County Courts under the date of April 23, 1892. The Goodwill Hose Company



Old City Hall replaced by a Parking Authority Lot (circa) 1958. -Margaret Glover

The New Municipal Building at Tarentum Bridge Road.

Happy 75th Birthday to the City of New Kensington  
and Congratulations to the many civic-minded  
citizens whose labor made the

DIAMOND JUBILEE a success

*The New Kensington and Westmoreland County  
Republican Organizations*

Raymond P. Shafer, -- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania  
Edward B. Byrne, -- Candidate, United States Congress  
Smith McKee, Jr., -- Candidate, Pennsylvania State Senate  
G. Richard Olinger, -- Candidate, Pennsylvania State Legislator

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No. 2 was organized September 1, 1899 and was located on Seventh Street near Third Avenue until moving into its new station in 1904 which was located in the upper part of Fourth Avenue below Ninth Street. This company served until 1915.

Hill Top Hose Company No. 3 was organized July 22, 1904 and housed at Freeport Road and McCargo Street which was occupied until 1911 when the present station at Victoria Avenue was erected.

The present No. 2 Company was organized in 1899 and came into the present status under annexation of the Borough of Parnassus. Formerly housed on Main Street it now responds from quarters on Freeport Street.

Company No. 4 was organized under the East New Kensington Volunteer Fire Department of Lower Burrell Township until annexation. It was chartered in 1926 and today is housed at Strawn Avenue and Seventh Street.

Company No. 5 was organized in 1924 and chartered in 1925 as The Valley Heights, Lower Burrell Volunteer Fire Department No. 2. It is now housed at the East End of the present City Hall.

The Firemans Band was organized in 1926 and has been an asset to the Fire Department ever since.

Former Chief, Edward Clawson, served from 1918 until retirement in 1960.

Under the present Fire Chief, Gunnar A. Lemon, there are 125 active firemen serving primarily on a volunteer basis. New Kensington has 6 Fire Engines, 2 Ambulances, 4 Utility Wagons, and a 100 Ft. Ladder Truck. There is a permanent full time staff of 6 paid drivers.

New Kensington is particularly proud of the unusual record of its fire "laddies". Wide recognition has been given to their fire fighting ability and low insurance rates have been maintained. Their quick response to such major fires as the "Wainwright 4th Ave. Fire", Connor Building, the Y.M.C.A., the Skating Rink, P. H. Murphy and Union Spring over the years have been a credit to the community.

The community has given ample support to our Volunteer Fire Companies in recent years with the construction of 4 new fire houses throughout the City.

## **MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY**

The Municipal Authority of the City of New Kensington was incorporated on January 5, 1943 at a cost of \$2,050,000.00. Initially there were 7,765 outlets serving the Industrial, Commercial and Domestic needs of approximately 35,000 people.

Continued expansion to satisfy those needs resulted in the erection of five new storage tanks with a combined total capacity reaching 14 million gallons. This also demanded larger and additional pumps that have accombined pumping peak of 10 million gallons daily. Your Authority visioning this growth constructed new transmission lines resulting in a total of 125 miles carrying pure, fresh, water to parts of Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. The new line to the Alcoa Technical Center and the Penn State Center are outstanding examples of the Authority's desire to encourage the industrial and educational growth in the area.

Presently we are serving about 12,000 outlets and a population nearing 55,000. Forty-three people are employed



Congratulations to the CITY OF NEW KENSINGTON

From the Officials of the

## CITY OF ARNOLD

INCORPORATED 1939

ARNOLD, PA.

PHONE 337-4441

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CITY CLERK

WILLIAM DEMAIO, MAYOR  
DEPT. OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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CITY ENGINEER

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CHIEF OF POLICE

RENO DE PASQUALE  
FIRE CHIEF

Saluting

New Kensington

**ON ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE!**

BOARD MEMBERS MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, New Kensington



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C. J. SEVICK,  
Vice Chairman



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Presently we are serving about 12,000 outlets and a population nearing 55,000. You may rest assured that your Authority will strive for the best possible service to our thousands of users, as we look into the future with a comprehensive plan of future needs.

The Authority salutes New Kensington in this 75th year. May we take this opportunity to congratulate all of the agencies, the news media and the devoted citizens who give of their time and talents to make this a most successful Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Very truly yours,

John Haser, Chairman  
Daniel Joseph, Treasurer

Harry H. Libengood, Secretary  
Joseph Fliss, Vice Chairman  
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**KEEPING AHEAD OF OUR COMMUNITY AREA NEEDS!**

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## **MUNICIPAL SANITARY AUTHORITY**

Clean, pure water is essential to every individual and even to the entire country because it influenced the location of settlements and industries, due to the convenient means of transportation provided, due to its importance in the manufacturing processes and principally due to the requirements of humans. For these reasons the Municipal Sanitary Authority of the City of New Kensington constructed a Sewage Treatment Plant in the year of 1959 to help safeguard the available water of the City of New Kensington and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Sewage Treatment Plant which was constructed in the City of New Kensington treats the raw sewage waste water from the cities of Arnold, Lower Burrell and New Kensington. The average daily flow at the plant is three million gallon per day. The raw sewage is processed by the various components of the treatment plant to the intermediate degree of treatment and then is discharged into the Allegheny River.

The Authority Members during construction in the year of 1959 were:

John P. Balla	Chairman
Garfield Jones	Vice-Chairman
Paul Bennis	Secretary
William Giordano	Treasurer
Frank Sowol	Ass't. Secretary Treasurer

The Authority Members during the year of 1966 are:

Lewis E. Heiles	Chairman
William Giordano	Vice-Chairman
Raymond J. Zippler	Secretary
Adam Trzeciak	Treasurer
Dudley H. Anderson	Ass't. Secretary Treasurer

## **MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHORITY**

The Municipal Parking Authority of New Kensington is the first OPERATIVE Parking Authority in Pennsylvania, having been established in 1948 and in operation October 1949.

It was formed at the urging of the New Kensington Chamber of Commerce during Mayor Clarence Walley's regime. The first members of the Authority were C. H. Booth, Sr., Ben Fisher, William Hall, E. J. Kroen,

# Congratulations

## NEW KENSINGTON ON ITS 75 ANNIVERSARY!

The authority was formed in 1951 as the result of needs to abate pollution of the Allegheny River from industry, homes and business in New Kensington. From 1951 to 1957 several studies were made by various engineers to bring into focus the sewage problem of the area. The final report tended to show that the joint collection and treatment of sewage for the three communities would be the cheapest and most feasible solution. As a result of considerable effort by many civic minded citizens this solution was adapted. The following dates were significant in the progress of this project.

February 28, 1958 — The authority entered into agreement with Green Engineers for professional engineering service for the design of our sewage treatment plant and necessary sewers.

May 1, 1958 — Participating agreement signed with City of Lower Burrell.

July 1, 1958 — Plans for the treatment plant and sewers were submitted to Pa. Sanitary Water Board and were approved September 1, 1958.

AUGUST 1958 — Plans revised to include the City of Arnold.

DECEMBER 1958 — A \$160,000 loan was negotiated to procure necessary right of ways.

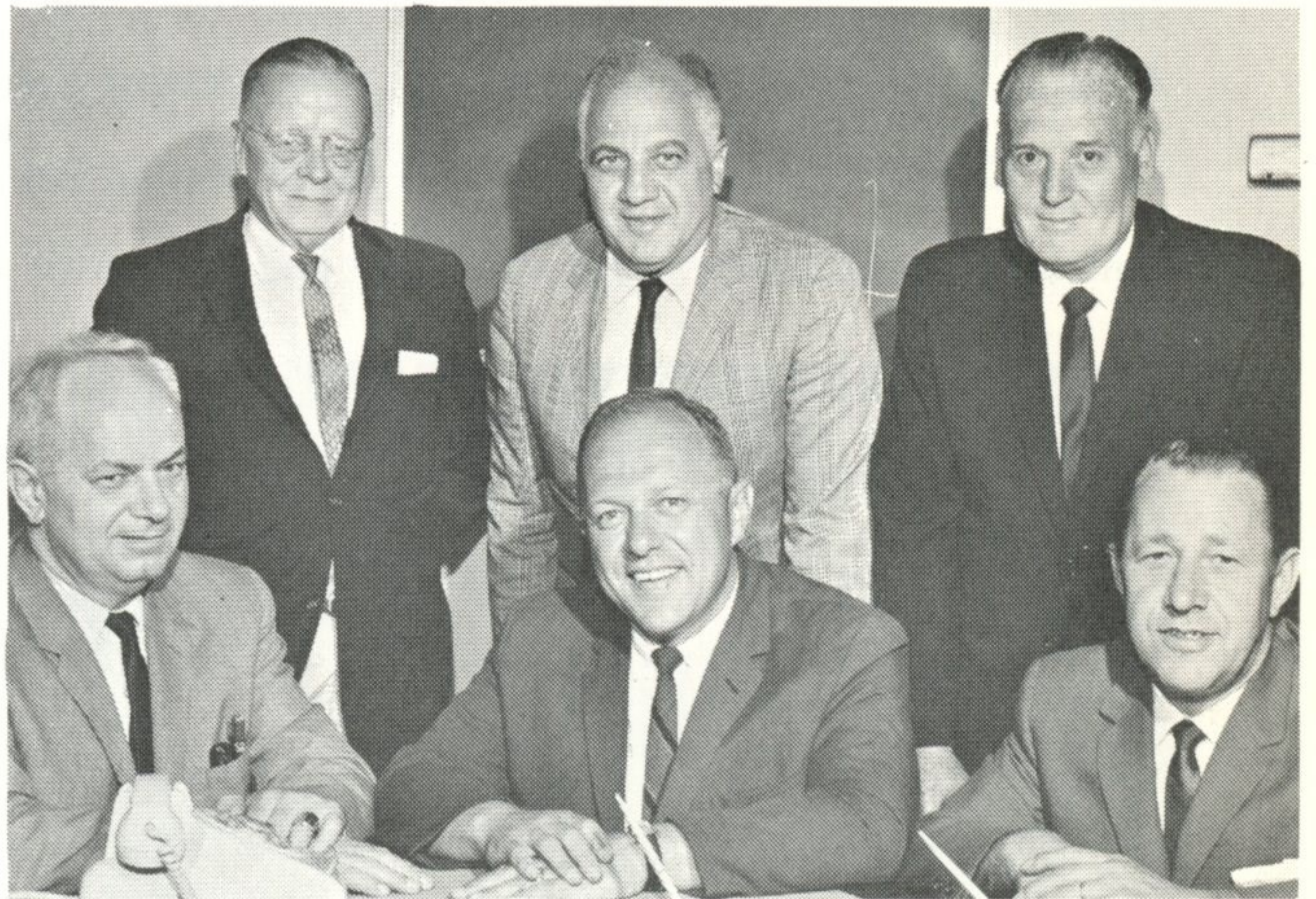
JANUARY 1959 — Participating agreements signed with the City of Arnold.

JANUARY 15, 1959 — Construction bids were received.

FEBRUARY 9, 1959 — Letters of intent for award of contracts issued to responsible low bidders.

MARCH 3, 1959 — Proposed date for sale of bonds.

MARCH 4, 1959 — Awarded construction contracts.



Seated: Adam Treciak, Treasurer, Lewis Heiles, Chairman, Raymond Zippler, Secretary.

Standing: W. H. Anderson, Director, Anthony J. Bonadio, City Solicitor, William Giordano, Director.

### MUNICIPAL SANITARY AUTHORITY

OF THE CITY OF NEW KENSINGTON

LOGANS FERRY ROAD

NEW KENSINGTON

and Dom C. Shiarella.

The city's Chamber of Commerce and City Administration advanced money to have a preliminary survey made by Don McNeil, then the Traffic Director for the City of Pittsburgh. Studies indicated that a Parking Authority would be feasible and the first property purchased was in the 800 block on Barnes Street.

A total of 5 acres of parking in eight municipally operated lots have been acquired to date which accommodate more than a half-million cars per year. The lots are valued at \$1,250,000.

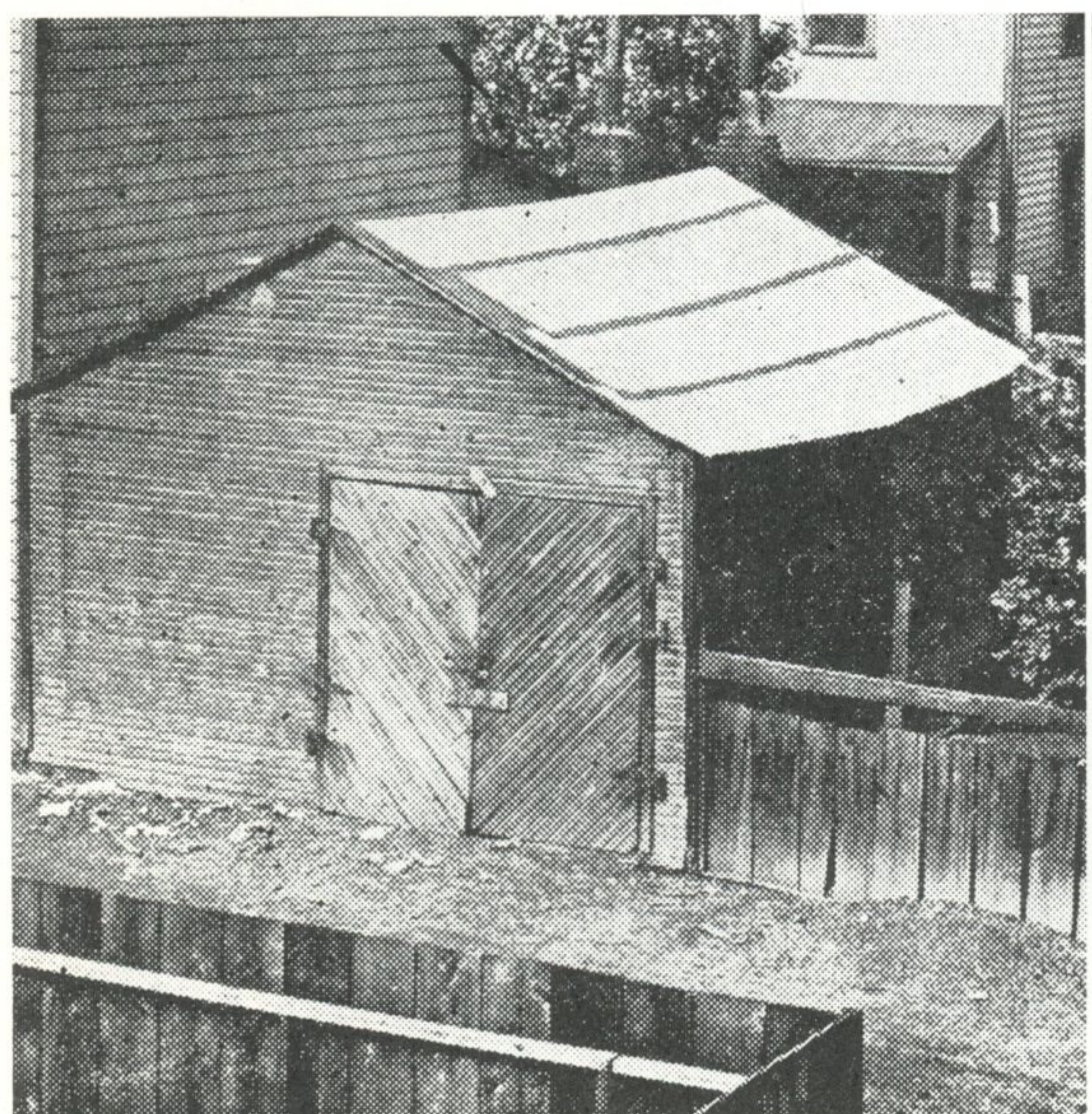
The operations of the Parking Authority have been held up as a model in many communities by Engineer Don McNeil. Downtown firms instituted a Park and Shop Plan very early in the Authority's history and subsidize about \$20,000 worth of free customer parking each year.

The gradual development of our parking lots, so strategically placed that they "ring" the central business district, have brought compliments from shoppers, visitors, and business prospects. Their existence saved the downtown from extinction through shopping center competition.

The Authority has been managed by Ralph Tocco for sixteen years who also serves as its President. Other Authority members are: Sam Camel, Vice President; B. T. Hopkins, Secretary; Rev. Vincent Hartman, Treasurer; Peter Waitkus, Assistant Treasurer; and A. J. Bonadio, Solicitor.

## MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION

The New Kensington Municipal and School Federal Credit Union was organized May 22, 1962. Charter members of the Credit Union at that time were Edward G. Zaleski, Verle N. Bevan, Cecelia M. Carson, Walter A. Surowski, Daniel W. Joseph, and Walter J. Sharkey. The field of membership includes employees of the City of New Kensington, Municipal Water Authority, Redevelopment Authority, and Sanitary Authority. At present there are 105 active members. The purpose of the Credit Union is to promote thrift among its members by affording them an opportunity to accumulate their savings, and to create for them a source of credit for



New Kensington's First Fire House (circa) 1895 -Margaret Glover

4th Ave. Fire House - Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 an example of the four new Fire House built in recent years.

provident and productive purposes. The present officers are Walter J. Sharkey, President; Norman S. Orlowski, 1st Vice-President; James Coury, 2nd Vice-President; Cecelia Carson, Treasurer; and Genevieve Thomey, Secretary. Credit Committee members are Verle N. Bevan, Anna Marie Domenick and Angelo Marelli. Supervisory Committee members are Joseph Mangione, Carl Runski, and Frank Link.

## **NEW KENSINGTON POST OFFICE**

The original name of New Kensington was Kensington but when application for the post office was sent to Washington, it was discovered that there was another office in the state called Kensington.

The Post Office and the town then took the name of New Kensington.

The first postmaster was Harry Ewing, and succeeding postmasters in order of service were James C. Leslie, David McCarthy, Miss Georgia Shaw, succeeded by Joseph B. Heister from 1903-1904; Alonza M. Frederick 1904-1916; Elmer R. Criss 1916-1920; William H. Yoder 1920-1931; Kenneth Cooper 1931-1935; A Grafton Sullivan 1935-1963; and Robert P. DeLotto from September 11, 1964 to present.

It is rumored that the first post office was located in a building in the rear of where the Mellon National Bank now stands; however, the only authentic information available is that the first post office was located in the rear of the Leslie Building, corner of Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street from the time it was established until 1905 when it moved to the First National Bank Building. Having outgrown the available space, the office was moved to the Evans Building in November 1921. The site of the present building was purchased from George M. Evans on June 24, 1931 at a cost of \$107,000.00, plans drawn by Architect P. R. L. Hogner, erected at a cost of \$120,945.00, completed and first occupied on July 1, 1933. An extension and modernization program costing approximately \$300,000.00 is presently underway.

The growth of the New Kensington Post Office was very rapid. The receipts in 1903 were \$8,000.00, and on July 1, 1904, the office advanced to second-class with a working force of postmaster, assistant postmaster and one clerk. In July, 1920, the office advanced to first-class with receipts of \$50,000.00, and in 1940, \$400,000.00. In 1943, during the war, the receipts hit a low of \$225,000.00. With the war over and Alcoa's conversion to the production of cooking utensils in 1947, the receipts and business transactions increased tremendously reaching \$1,186,934.85, bringing about a reorganization of the post office to the Two-Division Plan creating more supervisory positions.

City Delivery Service was inaugurated on February 1, 1907 with three carriers and one substitute; the Postal Savings System on June 27, 1911, and Parcel Post Delivery on March 4, 1913. The consolidation of the New Kensington, Arnold and Parnassus Post Offices took place on April 16, 1929, and the Lower Burrell Branch was inaugurated on December 1, 1960.

Today, the New Kensington Post Office has 113 employees handling mail for approximately 60,000 postal patrons, with postal receipts of close to a million dollars.

During fiscal year 1965 the New Kensington Post Office won awards for having the best suggestion program in the Philadelphia Region of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. This fiscal year the office is again leading

the region in its class and ranks third in the nation for the suggestions program.

The office also maintains 90 percent employee participation in the Savings Bond program and is active in various government and community events.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

After the Social Security Act became law on August 14, 1935, the Social Security Administration opened a field office in New Kensington, Pa. on November 13, 1939 with a staff of three. The office was then in the Post Office building and was managed by Thomas Conville. Since this date the Social Security District Office has remained in New Kensington continuously and serves the residents of the Allegheny-Kiski Valley. Over the last 25 years the office has changed locations several times as the need for space increased due to the various benefit programs which have been added to the initial Social Security law. These locations were: The Authenreith Building, 924 4th Ave.; 509 10th St; the Dor-Shire Realty Building 702-04 5th Ave. Since April 10, 1962 the office has been located at 707 5th Ave. Presently the district office is under the managership of Bruno L. Salvaterra. Mr. Salvaterra along with a staff of 14 administers the Social Security Program which today provides Retirement, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance benefits to the residents of New Kensington and surrounding communities.

## **BUREAU of EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

Since the first Unemployment Compensation payment by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in February, 1938, more than \$62 million have been paid to covered employees in the New Kensington area. The local office of the Pennsylvania State Employment Service also found more than 85,000 jobs for applicants from January, 1938, through May, 1966.

The Local Office first opened to the public on January 3, 1938. Due to high unemployment at that time, the main service of the office was processing claims for Unemployment Compensation. Eligible claimants could draw from \$7.50 to \$15 a week, for 13 weeks, in benefits. Changes over the years brought the rate to \$10 to \$45 a week, 18 to 30 weeks.



The New Kensington office hit a record high in benefits in 1958, when over \$8 million in compensation was paid. In 1944, a record for job placements was made when 11,378 jobs were found for applicants registered with the New Kensington office.

A need for larger quarters with added personnel and many new programs such as placement of the handicapped, employment counseling, aptitude and proficiency testing, resulted in relocating four times. The present office, built to Bureau specifications, is located at 920 Constitution Boulevard.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Employment Security looks forward to continuing growth of this vital program, which has been so important to the maintenance of economic stability in Pennsylvania.

## **BANKS**

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Banks in New Kensington have a history which parallels the growth of the city. The banking industry has provided a source of capital which has made the growth of industry and construction of our homes possible.

The banks were founded by some of our pioneer names who had gained enough financial strength to help finance the boom when improvements could be started.

Some of the bank founders were the Logans, Alters, the Burn Smith Family, Yoders, Gotts, Croyles, Klingensmiths, Shephards, and many others well known to the entire community. The Mellon Family was a part of some of these original bank founders.

The Logan Bank, Parnassus Bank, First National Bank, and Arnold Deposit Bank grew and prospered with the Community. The trials of the great depression are known to everyone. After the strengthening of the Reserve Board regulations and F.D.I.C. Deposit Insurance, the banks moved into a period of stability and growing strength that has been unprecedented in our history.

It is a testament to the strength of the New Kensington Banks that two of them were able to withstand massive embezzlements without the loss of a penny to the depositors. In keeping with the times, New Kensington Banks moved strongly into the consumer financing business and established a much closer relationship with the families of the area. In keeping with the nationwide trend of merger, the Logan and Parnassus Banks merged with Mellon; the First National Bank joined with Pittsburgh National Bank and the Arnold Deposit Bank consolidated with Western Pennsylvania National Bank. All the Banks have large major offices in the city. The growing demands of commerce and industry enlarged banking services and Union National Bank and Keystone Bank came into New Kensington.

New Kensington is served today with all the major banks in Western Pennsylvania, some of which are billion dollar banks, among the largest in our Nation.

# The Jubilee Queen Event . . . Jubilee Queen Candidates

ABRAHAM, DARLENE  
 ANDERSON, GINNIE  
 BURGER, KAREN  
 CAMPBELL, PATTY  
 CIANCUTTI, BARBARA  
 CROWLEY, CAROL  
 DEMELCO, BARBARA  
 FEDASH, KAREN  
 FRANZI, ILLONA  
 GALIE, JUDI  
 GARTLEY, PAM  
 GUTKNECHT, JOAN  
 HASLETT, PHYLLIS  
 HALE, JOAN

HILEMAN, DARLA  
 KACZKOWSKI, CAROL  
 KAMINSKI, BERNADINE  
 KENGOR, DORIS  
 KLUKASZEWSKI, RITA  
 KOROWICKI, DEBBIE  
 KUCHTA, ROSANNE  
 KUZMICK, ANGELA  
 LESSIG, BARBARA  
 LORENZINI, KAREN  
 MANNI, PAMELA  
 MARTINI, PATRICIA LOU  
 ORTOSKI, SHARON ANN  
 PAGLIARO, PAULA

PELINO, MARY  
 PISH, DOLORES  
 PLATE, CONNIE  
 POWELL, DIANE  
 RHODES, ELEANOR  
 ROBINSON, MARSHA  
 SCHULTZ, CAROL J.  
 SHARICK, ROSALIND  
 SWIERGOL, CAROL  
 TOMASZEWSKI, PHYLLIS  
 TRZECIAK, PAULA  
 WISE, JAMIE  
 ZDILA, MARY JANE

## Queen's Prizes

Thelma's, Inc.  
 Lawrence A. Fiscus  
 Harts Dept. Store  
 Thrift Drug Store  
 Storm's Hosiery Shoppe  
 Bloser's Jewelers  
 Ritz Shop  
 McMahan Furniture  
 Pic-Way Shoe Mart  
 Bob Miller Shoes  
 Fifth Avenue Pharmacy  
 Altmeyer Home Store  
 Crown Jewelers  
 Duquesne Mfg. Co.  
 Central Office Products

Bracelet  
 Pin  
 Clutch Purse  
 Cologne  
 Gloves  
 Clutch Purse  
 Purse  
 Table Radio  
 Purse  
 Purse  
 Cologne  
 Towel Set  
 Tiara  
 2 Dresses  
 World Atlas

Kaylor Mfg. Co.  
 K-Mart  
 7-Up Bottling Co.  
 Huttinger Film Service  
 Euwer Furniture  
 The Golden Shop  
 Monarch Co.  
 Levitt Bros.  
 The Oak Tree  
 Cut Rate Furniture  
 Aluminum Co. of America  
 Coopers Music Store  
 Turners Book Store  
 Klingensmith Hardware, Inc.  
 Harts

3 Piece Dress Suit  
 Dress - Shoes - Purse - Gloves - Hose  
 \$25.00 Savings Bond  
 Kodak Instomatic Set  
 Record Player  
 Sports Wear  
 Record Player  
 Portable Television  
 Matching negligee and gown  
 Luggage  
 Cooking Set  
 Radio  
 Diplomat Purse Organizer  
 Electric Razor  
 3 Piece Luggage



Pool-side at the Beautiful Princess Hotel in Pembroke, Bermuda, where New Kensington's Diamond Jubilee Queen and companion will spend 5 glorious days as the guest of Bermuda's newest and most elegant hotel.



# *New Kensington Diamond Jubilee Calendar of Events*

## **THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1966**

Downtown New Kensington begins  
Three-Day OLD FASHIONED BARGAIN DAYS  
\$2,000 worth of diamonds will be awarded by drawing.

- 9:00 A.M. Sales personnel judging of costumes at the Ninth Street Parklet, complimentary coffee and donuts. Promenade of sales personnel in business district.  
Opening of Historical Window Displays.  
Opening of Coin Show, sponsored by the New Kensington Coin Club, 818 Fifth Avenue.
- 6:00 P.M. Jubilee Carnival opens - 1000 Block Barnes Street.
- 7:00 P.M. Western Square Dance Demonstration by the Highland Twirlers, Ninth Street & Fifth Avenue.
- 9:00 P.M. Street Dance, Round and Square, Music by Harry Kelly's Band, Ninth Street and Fifth Avenue.

## **FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1966**

OLD FASHIONED BARGAIN DAYS Continue

- 7:00 P.M. Old Fashioned Melodrama "He Ain't Done Right by Nell"  
Presented by the New Kensington Civic Theatre in front of Jubilee Headquarters,  
863 Fifth Avenue.

## **SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1966**

OLD FASHIONED BARGAIN DAYS Continue

- 10:00 A.M. Opening of all day ART AND CRAFT SHOW by the Allegheny Valley Artists  
Association, 9th Street and 5th Avenue.
- 3:30 P.M. Vintage and Historical Auto Parade, Downtown New Kensington.
- 9:00 P.M. Diamond Jubilee Queen and Princesses Coronation Ball, Holiday Inn  
Sponsored by the New Kensington Junior Woman's Club

## **SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1966**

- 11:00 A.M. Preliminary Judging of Beard Contest - Memorial Park.
- 2:00 P.M. Citizen's General Hospital Diagnostic Wing Dedication, 7th Street & 4th Avenue.
- 2:00 P.M. Target Shooting Demonstration by:  
Westmoreland Rifle "Muzzle Loaders", Chieftain Archery Club, Tarentum District  
Sportsmen Club, Allegheny Valley Pistol League, and Association Gun "Nuts".  
Memorial Park.
- 8:00 P.M. Religious Heritage Program, Ken Hi Stadium  
Featuring a 100 voice choir under direction of Al Moses.  
Speaker: Dr. H. J. Dunhoff  
"Seventy-Five Years of Religious Heritage"

**MONDAY, JULY 25, 1966****PIONEER AND FOUNDER'S DAY**

- Morning            Opening of Hospitality Center, 868 Fourth Avenue, New Kensington  
                         Sponsored by the New Kensington Senior Woman's Club.  
                         Opening of Manned Space Exhibit, Fourth Avenue. Fire Hall  
                         Sponsored by the New Kensington Volunteer Fire Department.
- Evening            Carnival Opens
- 5:00 P.M.           City Officials Reception and Dinner for visiting dignitaries,  
                         Holiday Inn, New Kensington  
                         Hon. W. Willard Wirtz, U. S. Secretary of Labor, Honored Guest.
- 8:00 P.M.           Pre-pageant Entertainment - Ken Hi Memorial Stadium  
                         Pittsburgh Rockets, American Legion Champion Drum and Bugle Corps, Homewood, Pa.
- 9:00 P.M.           Crowning Jubilee Queen  
                         "NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE"

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1966****LADIES DAY**

- 9:15 A.M.           Live Radio Broadcast, Radio Station WKPA, Holiday Inn  
                         "COFFEE WITH LAURA YOHE". Sponsored by Station WKPA
- 10:00 A.M. to       Exhibit by West Penn Power Company. Display of old appliances and lamps,  
4:00 P.M.           Holiday Inn  
                         Flower Show sponsored by the Burrellton Garden Club, Holiday Inn
- Noon                Opening of the Bell Telephone Company Tent Show, Barnes & Eighth Street Parking Lot.
- Noon                Ladies Luncheon, Holiday Inn, Honoring past queens, lady who has longest continuous  
                         residence in the city; plus other appropriate observances.  
                         Fashion Show: Skit by New Kensington Civic Theatre, and Greater New Kensington  
                         Junior Miss, Bobbie Sopp.
- Afternoon          Peoples Natural Gas Company presentation on cooking various exotic foods,  
                         Flameway Hall, Leechburg Road.
- Evening            Pre-spectacle entertainment - Ken Hi Memorial Stadium
- 8:00 P.M.           Final judging of Beard Contest  
                         New Kensington Elks' Chorus under the direction of Paul Rosskamp
- 9:00 P.M.           "NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE"

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1966****SALUTE TO YOUTH DAY**

- 10:00 A.M.          Pet and bicycle parade. Judging at the John F. Kennedy School Grounds
- 11:30 A.M.          Concert, Salvation Army Youth Band under the Direction of Gibson Wilson,  
                         J.F.K. School Grounds
- Noon                Sandy Mason, TV personality entertains, J.F.K. School Grounds
- Noon                Rotary Club fetes outstanding students of the 1966 Ken Hi Graduating Class and top students  
                         of Ridge Avenue Junior High, Holiday Inn

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1966 (Continued)**

- 1:00 to 2:30 P.M.     Rock and Roll Hop - J.F.K. School Grounds
- 3:00 to 3:34 P.M.     American Heritage Program, Boy Scouts of America, J.F.K. School Grounds
- 3:45 to 4:30 P.M.     "Scouts Own" Girl Scouts of America, J.F.K. School Grounds
- 6:00 P.M.             Little League Games - Various city ball fields
- 8:00 P.M.             Pre-pageant entertainment - Rock & Roll Combos - Ken Hi Memorial Stadium
- 9:00 P.M.             "NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE"

**THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1966**

**LABOR-COMMERCE-INDUSTRY DAY**

- Morning  
(All Day)             Opening of Area Industrial Products Exhibit  
                          C.I.O. Union Hall, 1035 Third Avenue, New Kensington  
                          Door Prizes Galore
- 11:00 A.M.            Burying of Time Capsule, City Hall Grounds, Leechburg Road
- 8:00 P.M.             Pre-pageant entertainment - Ken Hi Memorial Stadium  
                          Mount St. Peters Community Chorus, Directed by Al Giancola
- 9:00 P.M.             "NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE"

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1966**

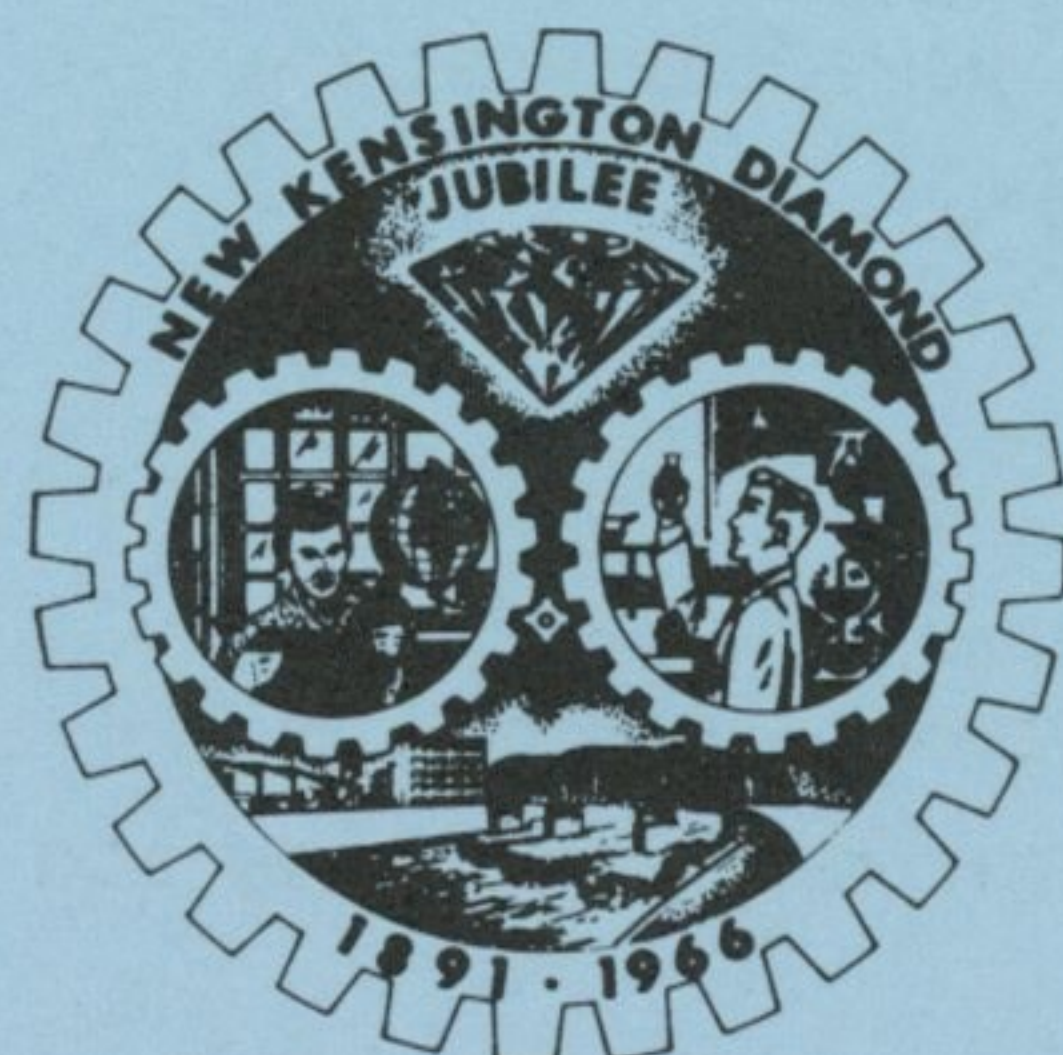
**NATIONALITY DAYS**

- 10:00 to 5:00 P.M.    Nationality Booths on Ninth Street - Sale of various foods;  
                          Informal nationality dances and programs throughout the day.
- 8:00 P.M.             Pre-spectacle entertainment - Ken Hi Band Concert, under the direction of  
                          John Stephens, Jr.
- 9:00 P.M.             "NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE"

**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1966**

**MILITARY AND VETERAN'S DAY**

- 10:00 to 5:00 P.M.    Display of weapons, missile, mercury space capsule and explosive ordnance,  
                          sponsored by the various military service organizations, 900 Block, Barnes Street
- 2:00 P.M.             Diamond Jubilee Mammoth Parade
- 8:00 P.M.             Pre-spectacle entertainment
- 9:00 P.M.             "NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE"



# *The New Kensington Diamond Jubilee Corporation*

proudly presents

## **"THE NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE"**

A John B. Rogers Production

**July 25 - 26 - 27 - 28 - 29 - 30**

**Ken Hi Stadium**

Written and Directed

by

Harry Miller

Business Management

by

David J. Evans

We would like to thank the following people who have given so generously of their time, material and labor to make this production possible:

Highland Twirlers

Caputo School of Dancing

Atkinson Private Charm & Dance School

Coopers Music Store

Don Trettel

Harry Rowe

Tom Greene

Arnold Lumber

Schmaley Home Improvement

Ralph Abraham - Table & Chairs  
Rental Sales Service

Cable Trailer Sales

Dlubak Stained Glass Windows

Walzer Cleaning

Wilbur Stuart Contractor

Joseph Veltri Contractor

Burrell Construction Company

United Steel Workers of America - Local 302  
Executive Board and Members

Joseph Pollino Contractor

A. G. Pollino Contractor

Susek Landscape Nursery

We apologize for the omission of certain credits to persons which were unavailable for printing in the Jubilee Book; however, we greatly appreciate their efforts which have helped make the Spectacle possible.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: New Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce and staff deserves special praise in their help to everyone in making the Jubilee a success.

"THE NEW KENSINGTON CAVALCADE" was written and produced in New Kensington by Mr. Miller. The script is based on historical fact although slight changes have been made to meet the demands of staging and for dramatic effect.

# *New Kensington Cavalcade*

## **A SYNOPSIS OF SCENES**

### **EPISODE ONE: The Beginning or the End**

Two possible civilization futures are dramatically projected on stage - atomic destruction and the triumph of spatial conquest. Which shall it be? A narrator asks the audience; the spectators disagree - some vote for explosion, some for exploration. What is the answer? We turn back time to see where men will go, for in the pattern of the past lies the answer to the future. What is the answer? The narrator challenges each member of the audience to look and listen and arrive at his own conclusion.

### **EPISODE TWO: The Redman**

The Senecas, the Shawnees, the Cornplanters.

They pitched their tepees on the banks of the Allegheny and smoke from many a council fire drifted above the trees and clung to the valleys and hills. It was their land - now they must share it, for the soldiers and settlers are on their way.

### **EPISODE THREE: The Settlers**

1778 - Colonel William Crawford, under the command of General McIntosh builds a fort for the protection of the settlers during the American Revolution. Within the protection of the fort and the militia, the first settlers clear the land and turn the soil; and they celebrate the fall of England's Union Jack and the flying of the first American flag.

### **EPISODE FOUR: The Cross**

Praying, preaching, planning they come. Joseph Kerr, Mun go Dick, James Graham, and S. M. McClung; men of faith bring a fiery gospel to the little settlement in the valley.

### **EPISODE FIVE: The Heroine**

The time is daybreak - May 22, 1792

The place is Massey Harbison's cabin and the forest. Massey Harbison is asleep in her cabin. So are her boys, her boys and her baby. And then --

### **EPISODE SIX: The Growth**

Grow up, little town, grow up!

Here come the canal boats, the locomotives, and the wheels of progress;

People are coming up the river to live.

### **EPISODE SEVEN: The Union**

Angry men in blue - waiting.

Angry men in grey - waiting.

Men must learn to kill, and women must learn to weep.

The struggle is on!

Beat, beat drums!

Blow, bugles blow!

Go to Gettysburg flag of the 54th,

Go to Salineville!

Morgan, the Confederate guerilla is yours,

Stop his plunder and killing,

And watch cerulean flag, silky white and crimson.

Watch for the break in the smoke of battle that will tell you - it is ended.

#### **EPISODE EIGHT: The Birthday**

The Burrell Improvement Company surveyed the land and laid out the town.

The settlement grew.

Then on June 10, 1891, a public auction was held!

Five hundred lots went the very first day. The settlement drew itself up to its full height and took off. New Kensington was born.

#### **EPISODE NINE: The Gay 90's**

The year is 1905.

The place is the old New Ken Athletic Field.

The game is the titanic struggle between New Kensington,

And those dirty guys from - Arnold.

#### **EPISODE TEN: The War**

3000 miles across the Atlantic there is war in Europe.

400 New Kensington men sprang to the colors as volunteers.

They joined the 18th Regiment, "Pittsburgh's Own", Battery B; and the famous Tenth National Guards. Raw recruits become part of the A.E.F. and went to France to fight. Some would never return, they would be laid to rest in the low green tents whose curtains never outward swing.

#### **EPISODE ELEVEN: The Roaring 20's**

Flivvers, flappers, prosperity, and prohibition.

Let's drop down to the new Liberty Theatre and watch the latest triumph of Theda Bara and Rudolph Valentino.

Of course, if you don't care for the flickers maybe you'd rather do the dance craze of the age - it's the Charleston!

#### **EPISODE TWELVE: The Depression 30's**

One last -

"Hello sucker"

From the law to the bootleggers;

Then 1929 -

The Kinloch mine disaster,

The Wall Street Crash,

Depression and the

----- W.P.A.!

### **EPISODE THIRTEEN: The Heroes**

V-E Day! Guadalcanal! Tarawa! Iwo Jima!

One final grenade blast - then at 10:30 using a length of Japanese pipe and a ship's flag, six men from the 28th charged to the rim of Mt. Surabachi and freedom's flag had come to rule the rising sun.

### **EPISODE FOURTEEN: Just Yesterday**

And now, audience, here are the last few years. Cast aside your dignity and laugh at yourselves

### **EPISODE FIFTEEN: The Future**

We are 24,000 - 24,000 mechanics and metal workers and electricians and truck drivers and chemists and lawyers and priests.

We are a melting pot, where all nations, all walks of life meet as friends.

Hand in hand we have welded strength into the being of this city - this country.

Ahead, people of New Kensington, lie new horizons.

Certain to make the Atomic Age, the age of Utopia, if we but say to the world -

We are Americans!

### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

**NARRATORS:** Nora Ann Pastrick, Stephen Pastrick, Rod Altmeyer, Vince Downward, Judie Traenkler, Richard Devlin

**PRINCIPAL PLAYERS:** Tom Lisiewski, Norbert Lapczynski, Louise Salvatore, Mario Martini, Jr., Robert Ducato, Andrea Guntrum, Claudia McClelland, Patricia Lou Martini, Robert Harrison, Lou Cordera, Bill Gardone, Dave Fiorina, Skip Pazul, Mike Obertance.

**INDIAN VILLAGERS:** Karen Lobur, Jannene Pagliari, Lois Householder, Linda Householder, Barbara Deemer, Gail Lacinski, Pat Ruediger, Peggy Heasley, Kim Biondi, Gloria Boura, Lynn Biondi, Patty Smith, Donna Migliorisi, Joyce Deegan, Luanne Deegan, Dave Fularz, Lee Reissner, Terry Provance, John Yeamans, Tim Deegan, S. Hatetch, Eugene Haletich, Dennis Higgins, Jan Carnuak, James Matyar, Margaret Van Dyke, Janet Sprowls, Lisa De Petro, Laurene De Petro, Linda Mildren, Jimmy Madeja, Bill Yeamans, Barry Heasley, Jeff Morse, Chuck Watts, Mike Finnen, Tom Sikora, David Dunn, Larry Householder, Harry Householder.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS (Continued)

### EARLY SETTLERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Fester, Mr. William Gensbigler, Kathie Gensbigler, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Staller, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Lucci, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Williams, Terry Gensbigler, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Clever, Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Jones, Mr. & Mrs. John Mosser, Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Mulvaney, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Musk, Ann Stirland, Dell Sweetland, Ruth Heigley, Madeline Heigley, Beverly Tipton, Lori, Tipton, Barbara Biondi, Kim Biondi, Lynn Biondi, Gloria Boura.

### OLD FASHIONED TOWNS- PEOPLE:

Mary Ann Fiscus, Cris Squitieri, Mary Anne Altimus, Yvonne Morgan, Donnal Buhl, Bob Twigger, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Ann Trzeciak, Toni Kochanski, Paula Ann Staniszewski, Rose Marie Stratton, Janet Sprowls, Greg Beresik, Paul Abati, Carol Blecharz, Donna Lee Smith, Mary Ann Fiscus, Yvonne R. Morgan, Carol Sue Cartwright, Monna Zabec, Marilyn Hall, Karen Lobur, Judy Whitesell, Jack Kramer, Lynn Bachman, Toni Kosheba, Helena Polak, Kathie Rowe, Soselle Poslak, Sam Mercurio, Mary Slezycki, Irene Huth, Mary Jane Hutel, Larry Householder, Chuck R. Watts, Jr., Franklin Carnevale, Jr., Tom R. Sikora, Richard Specht, Dennis Higgins, Randy Edgar, Rich Holetich, Jeff Morse, Dave Cavada, Jim Matyea.

### GAY NINETIES TOWNS- PEOPLE:

Bill Zell, Martha Zell, Mrs. Joseph B. Kralik, Mary Anne Altimus, Penny Martin, Richard Specht, Jim Simmerman, Mrs. Walter Surowski, Miss Irene Huth, Patricia Keenan, Kathy Sue Madeja, Beverlee Wang, Paula Ann Stawiszewski, Rose Marie Stratton, Carol Sue Cartwright, Mary Ann Fiscus, Cathy Louise Walters, Marjorie R. Pierce, Cecilia Czubiak, Carol Blecharz, Mrs. Edward McAfoose, Mrs. Mary Anne Wodehouse, Mrs. George H. McGarrity, Mrs. Rosalia Armor, Mrs. Betty Lou Friel, Mrs. M. Clementine Sproull, Cris Squitieri, Donna Buhl, Diane Foryt, Mary Jane Hutel, Jack A. Kramer, Yvonne Morgan, Penny Martin, Lynn Bachman, Monna Zabec.

### MASS DANCERS:

Carol Blecharz, Lynn Bachman, Jack Kramer, Donna Smith, Mary Jane Hutel, Monna Zabec, Joan Fajbik, Rita Matergia, Murlino Spataro, Diane Romito, Debbie Pearson, Cheryl Magee, Batsheva Loebel, Sue Giorgio, Leann Maunder, Maria Condelli, Sue Brodhead, Becky Steri, Dory Grotefend, Linda Turner, Garnet Adams, Phyllis Pipman, Robby Esper, Cathy Jo Ross, Linda Schrecongost, Nancy Schwartz, Anna Mae Resetar, Dee Ann Myers, Vicki Knauerhase, Kathi McCollough, Marian Traini, Barbara Oliver, Cheryl McMahan, Bobbie Sopp, Jennifer Scheid, Debbie Stewart, Berylann Carney, Linda Stefanick, Bobbie Cameron, Peggy Figorski, Beth Haas, Pam Scholze, Val Scholze, Sharon Magee, Kim Newingham, Tacey Keller, Brenda Veltri, Patty McBryer, Kathie Roberts, Cynthia Serrao, Sue Krzanski, Joan Sproull, Chris Ortoski, Phyllis Weisband, Sandy Bowers, Darlene Carvin, Rise Retzer, Lynn Wodehouse, Marianne Kuchta, Florence Martin, Rosanne Kuchta, Janet Yobp, and Patti McBryer.

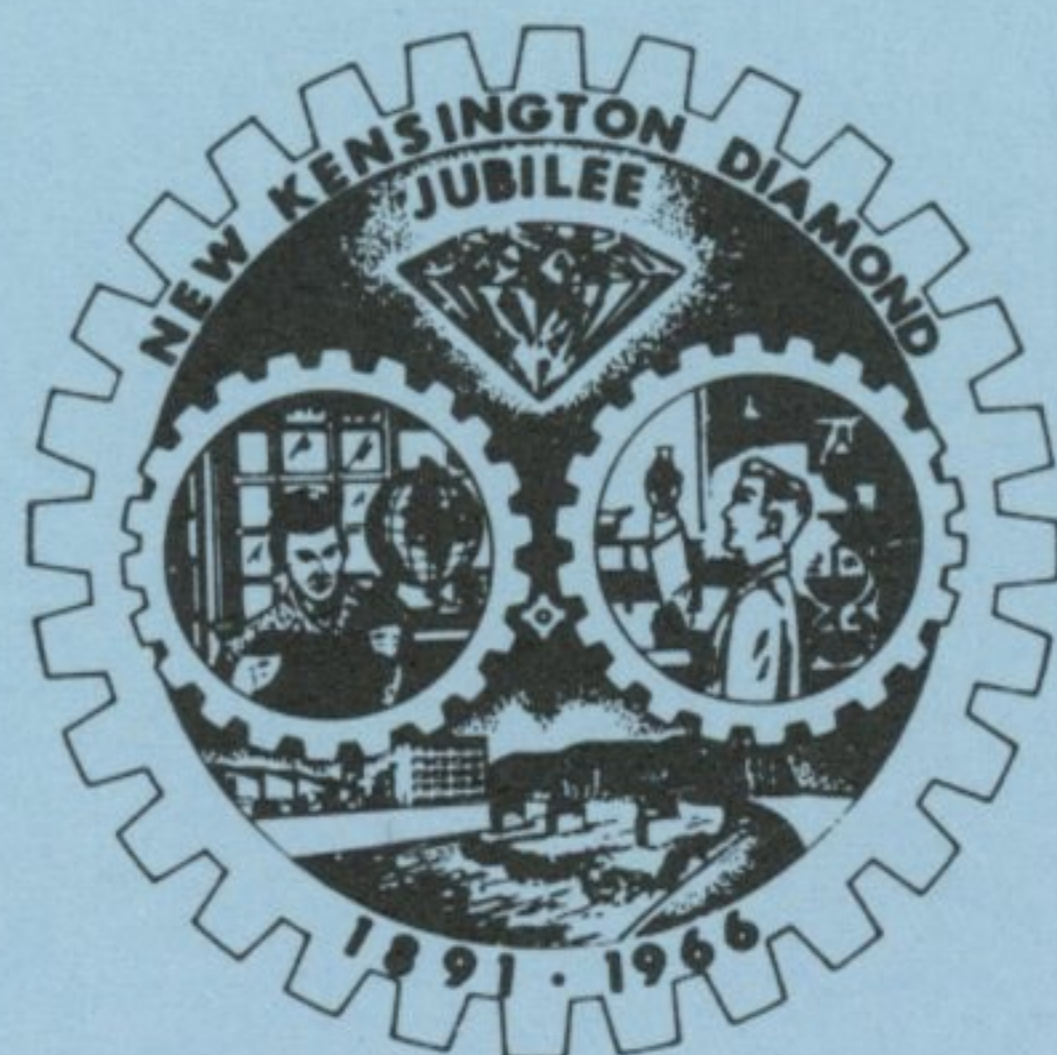
### SOLO DANCERS:

Elaine Gryzbec, Karen Deibler, Katryna Roditis, Kathee Gail Atkinson, Melanie Schied, Cindy Weidner, Nancy Schultz, Anna Mae Resetar, Colleen Bellas, Lorinda Shirey, Debbie Greece, Debbie Dando, Janet Shipko, Lois Rockwell, Marie Scanga, Donna Tarkay, Bonnie Morrow, Darlene Tatr, Denise DeSanto, Pattie Mullen, Cynthia Zellefrow, Darlene Brinks, Diane Brinks, Katyna Rodites.

Square dance through the courtesy of the Highland Twisters.

Charleston dance through the courtesy of Caputo's School of Dancing Arts.

Gay 90's dance through the courtesy of Caputo's School of Dancing Arts and Atkinson Private Charm and Dance School.





# MELLON NATIONAL BANK and TRUST COMPANY

Historically, the name of Mellon has been associated with that of New Kensington even before the community's 75 years began. For it was Messrs. A. W. and R. B. Mellon who believed a young metallurgist, Charles Martin Hall, to have a rather promising discovery which he called *aluminum*.

The pioneering bankers encouraged the advancement of this new process by granting a loan to Mr. Hall's business sponsors and the saga of the Aluminum Company of America began to unfold. The young and brilliant industry rolled up its sleeves and got busy in a town they called New Kensington.

In 1900, Alexander W. Logan, heading a group of local businessmen, in association with A. W. and R. B. Mellon, founded the New Kensington Bank. Capital and surplus of the new bank were \$60,000, and after the first year of business, the total deposits were \$121,553.64.

In 1903, the name was changed to the Logan Trust Company, which was succeeded in 1931 by the Logan National Bank and Trust Company. Dramatically during the World War II years, the bank doubled its assets with a depleted official staff and an army of female employees.

In 1948, the Logan National Bank and Trust Company became the New Kensington Office of Mellon Bank. All office personnel were retained in the interest of continued mutual confidence between townspeople and the bank they had known for half a century. At that juncture, in 1948, the bank had total resources of more than \$13 million – a far cry from 1900. Today, the New Kensington Office is one of 88 which are named Mellon Bank – 13th largest bank in the nation.

## THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL BANK

The Arnold Branch of "The Western Pennsylvania National Bank (WPNB) opened its doors for business in January, 1927 as "The National Deposit Bank" with the merger of the Arnold



Here we have the 'old' Logan Trust Building. —Walter Kruse, Sr.  
The present Mellon Bank Shows the Dramatic change.

National Bank and the Arnold Deposit Bank. The Board of Directors was composed of the following: Messrs. Frank E. Pratt, W. L. Hankey, R. R. Stevenson, W. H. Thomas, Thomas R. Moore, Robert R. Croyle, H. Burns Smith, W. R. Gott, Horace G. Durbin, John P. Fedan, P. J. Kelley and Dr. C. H. Smith. Mr. H. H. Slocum was the Cashier. By 1936 the National Deposit Bank had total assets of \$600,000. At this time the Board of Directors consisted of Mr. Thomas R. Moore, President; Mr. W. R. Gott, Vice-President; Mr. Robert R. Croyle, Mr. Orlando Marini and Dr. H. W. Thomas. Mr. Louis C. Springer was Cashier.

By 1951 Mr. W. R. Gott was President of the Board of Directors, Mr. Thomas R. Moore having been deceased. On February 28, 1964 a branch office was established at the Riverview Plaza. By 1965 the banks total assets were over 13 million dollars including the branch office. The Board of Directors in 1965 were Messrs. W. R. Gott, Walter L. Beck, Terrence G. Donaher and Dr's H. W. Thomas and Raymond W. Croyle. Mr. N. Lee Koontz was Cashier of the Bank and Mr. A. Emerson Boyd was Manager of the Riverview Plaza Branch. The bank merged with the Western Pennsylvania National Bank of Pittsburgh (WPNB) on July 30, 1965. WPNB was founded in 1871 and with the National Deposit Bank had 58 branches with total assets of \$606,996,000. The American Banker reported in terms of deposits it is the third largest commercial bank in Pittsburgh, eighth largest bank in Pennsylvania and the seventy-third largest bank in the nation. The bank has paid cash dividends on its capital stock for ninety-three consecutive years. The Arnold Branch and the Riverview Plaza Branch are still operated under the direction of Mr. N. Lee Koontz, Assistant Vice-President and the local Directors are on the Advisory Board, with Mr. W. R. Gott as the Chairman. Mr. M. A. Cancelliere, President of Western Pennsylvania National Bank deserves the utmost credit for his executive ability in organizing and consolidating 58 individual banks into one major banking institution. The National Deposit Bank had a reputation of always being a good bank and now we can say the same for Western Pennsylvania National Bank – member F.D.I.C.

## **INDUSTRY**

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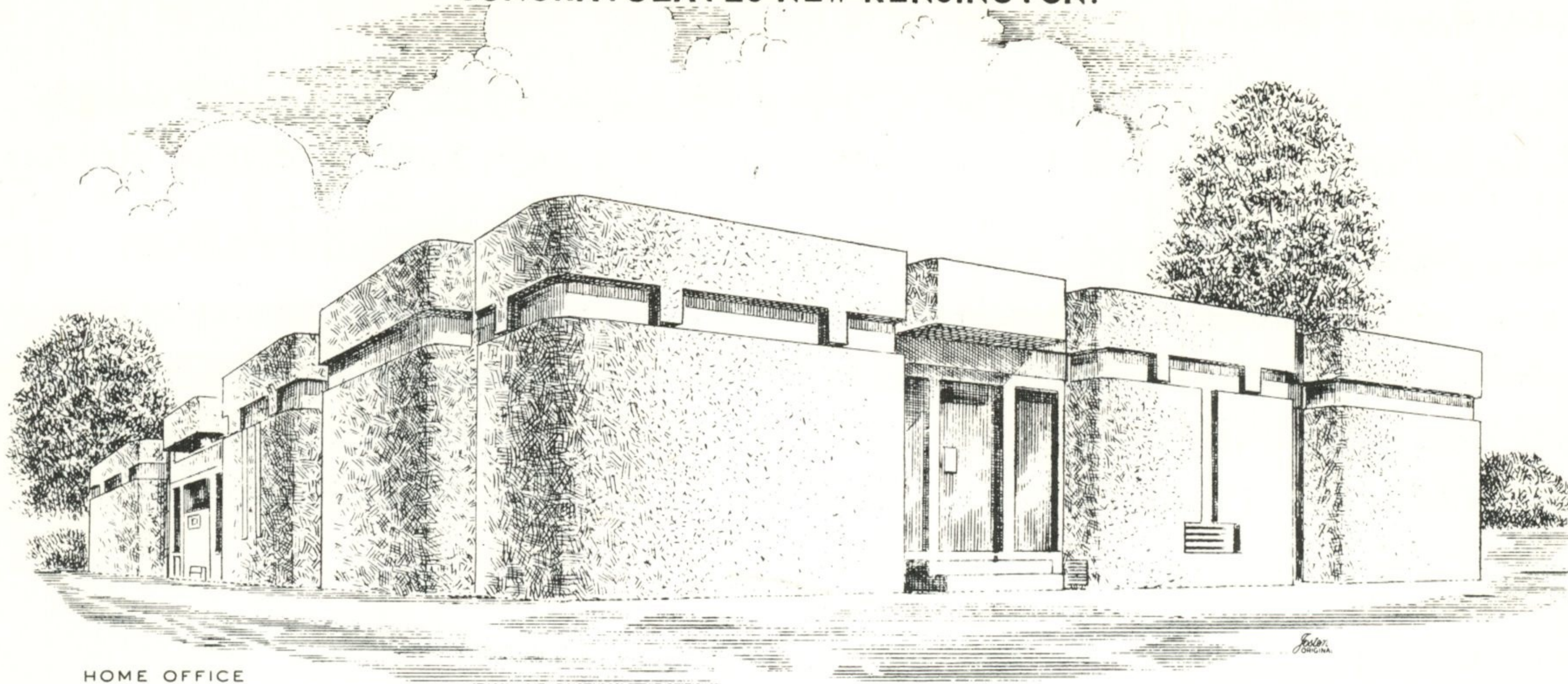
When the Burrell Improvement Company started the development of New Kensington, the Alcoa Reduction Company started by John Martin Hall, moved to New Kensington and established a mother plant, which was to give rise to the international organization Alcoa.

There were many industries in early New Kensington – Excelsior Glass Works, Sterling White Lead Company, Bradley Stove Works, Pennsylvania Tin Plate Company, Hunt Air Brake Works, Cold Rolled Steel Plant, New Kensington Brewing Company, Glenn Drilling Company, The Chambers Glass Works, which became American St. Gobain, The P. H. Murphy Company and State Construction Company, which became Burrell Construction Company.

In the early decades of the 20th Century, the New Kensington area was noted for glass, sand, aluminum, steel, plate glass and coal mining. In World War I and World War II our area was certainly one of the "Arsenals of Democracy". New Kensington has been blest by being

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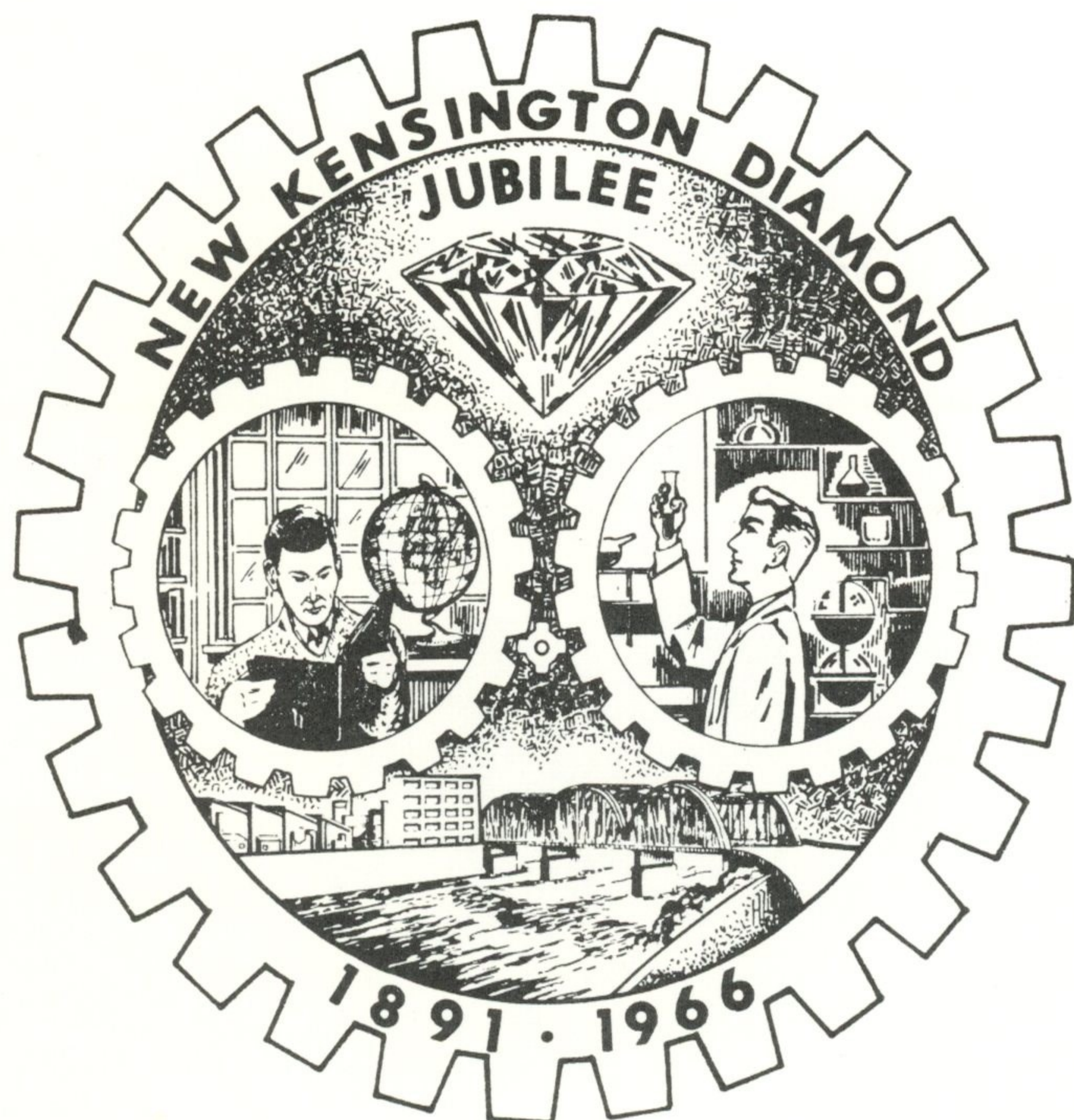
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in a area where the very first plants of Alcoa, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Bræburn Steel Company, Allegheny Ludlum Steel, and American Window Glass Company, which became great international coporations, located.

Unfortunately, by the middle of the 20th Century, these plants had become old, and corporate management faced the serious problem of whether to renovate old plants or simply build new installations elsewhere.

Fortunately, by the 1960's, it became clear, the corporate management recognized that which owed a special duty to its birthplace, and through union management, it appears we have achieved some stability as plant renovation and expansion has been planned and carried out. In addition, we are fortunate that heavy industry has been joined by some small but very important light industry. For example, Duquesne Manufacturing Company, the oldest manufacturer of textiles in New Kensington has been joined by a sister company, the Kaylor Manufacturing Company.

We have a strong growing Plastics Manufacturing and Brush Manufacturing Company, Perma Form Company has been rapidly expanding as a manufacturer of molded Formica products and Lumus Chemical has moved forward as a manufacturer of industrial fluxes.

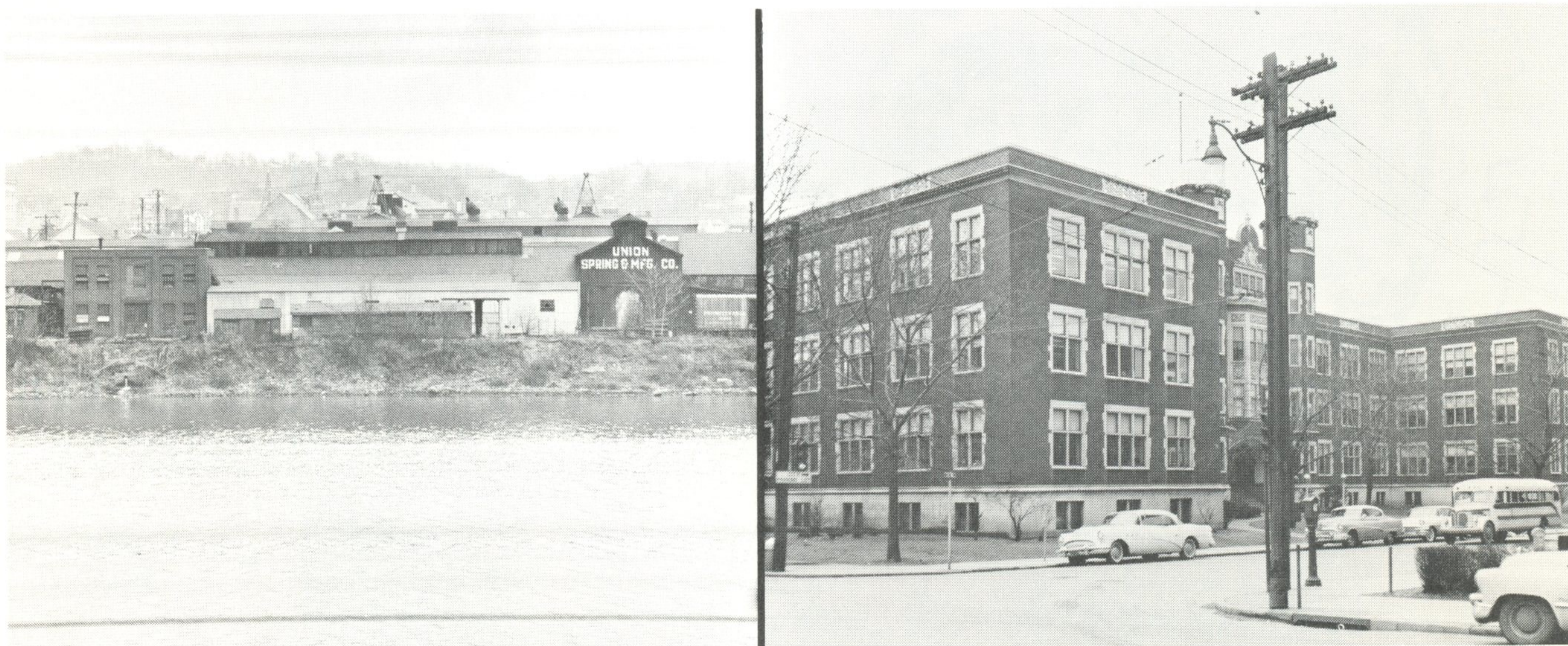
In addition, the former General Electric Conduit Works has been purchased by Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, and it continues to be an important part of our industrial community.

## **DUQUESNE MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

The Duquesne Manufacturing Company is one of the oldest manufacturers of women's dresses in Western Pennsylvania. It was founded in 1906 and has been in continuous operation since that time. The name "Florence Dresses" is well known in the stores from coast to coast.

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A. D. Finkel is the president, R. A. Finkel is the vice-president and treasurer, and Raymond R. Goehring, Jr. is the secretary.

## ALCOA IN NEW KENSINGTON

New Kensington Works, the parent plant of Aluminum Company of America, is located along the Allegheny River in the cities of New Kensington and Arnold. It can be said that New Kensington and Alcoa arrived together in 1891, and have grown to maturity and prospered over the years.

The birthplace of many of the products and processes Alcoa and the aluminum industry fabricate and use today, New Kensington Works has also been the training site for Company personnel. The list of outstanding individuals in the Company who received training here reads like a "Who's Who" of the aluminum industry.

The Aluminum Company of America was one of the early companies to establish a research organization in the United States. The Alcoa Research Laboratories has grown from a group of five people in 1918 to its present size, along with the rapid growth of the aluminum industry. A.R.L., now one of the largest and best equipped research laboratories in the metal industry in the world, is located at the Freeport Site where initial construction was commenced in 1929.

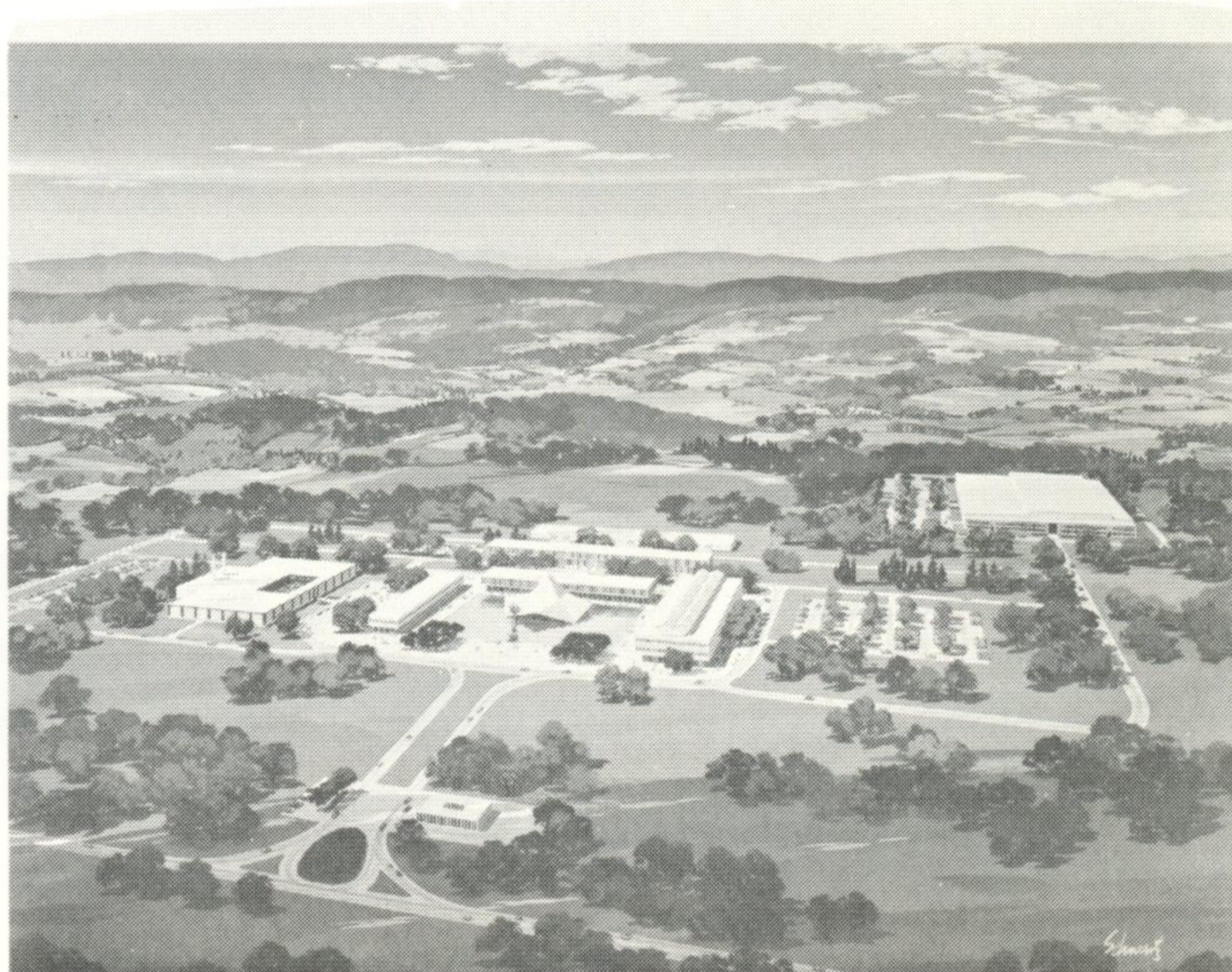
Lands for future A.R.L. expansion at the recently purchased 2,400-acre site at nearby Merwin envision a campus-type research installation comprised of ten buildings. The first building is complete and occupied and the second is under construction.

The Alcoa Technical Center is being built on 2,300 acres in Westmoreland County, eight miles from New Kensington and about 28 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. The Center will eventually contain nine buildings, with a total floor area of more than 18 acres, and working facilities for more than 1,000 scientists, engineers, technicians and service personnel.

Site grading for the second unit, the Pilot Plant Building, housing Alcoa Equipment Development Division and the Fabricating Metallurgy Division of Alcoa Research Laboratories, was begun during the summer



The gate to ALCOA'S birthplace -- 10th Street.



ALCOA Merwin Technical Center a \$30,000,000.  
Complex of research and development in aluminum.

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of 1965. Completion is scheduled during 1967.

The \$30,000,000 Center will house many of the research and development functions now maintained at the Alcoa Research Laboratories, New Kensington, Pa., and at various other locations.

New Kensington has also been the home of Wear-Ever Aluminum, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Alcoa. This Company has the responsibility for the merchandising of Wear-Ever cooking utensils.

## **BRAEBURN ALLOY STEEL**

Braeburn Alloy Steel Division of Continental Copper & Steel Industries, Inc., was founded in 1898 by William Metcalf, who was one of the partners of the old Miller-Metcalf & Park Tool Steel Mill in Pittsburgh, Pa. The Company operated as the Braeburn Steel Company until about 1917 when Mr. Metcalf sold it to the Standard Steel and Bearings Company of Plainville, Connecticut, a subsidiary of the Marlin-Rockwell Corporation. The property was resold in 1922 to a group of Blairsville and Latrobe, Pennsylvania business men and was renamed the Braeburn Alloy Steel Company. Operations continued until 1944 when the Braeburn works became a division of the present Company, Continental Copper & Steel Industries, Inc.

The plant is situated along the Allegheny River's east bank, four miles from New Kensington, Pa.

Braeburn specialized during its early years in the manufacture of alloy steel dies for aluminum forming and extrusion. Its product line was gradually expanded as time went on to include high-speed tool steels and a much broader line of hot-work die steels. Braeburn became nationally known for its high-quality tool steels and for its many grades of vacuum melted alloy steels used in the aerospace program and other high temperature and high-stress uses.

Braeburn is an old name in the alloy steel business. But a number of new buildings stand out among the plant's older structures, and the heavier flow of traffic to and from this semi-rural site suggests that an industrial renaissance is in the making.

## **THE LABOR MOVEMENT**

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by

**Joseph M. Baksis**

The history of labor in New Kensington followed the nationwide pattern of a worker's struggle against great odds to gain for himself and his children a better life. Wages of 20¢ an hour and less, living in shacks, subject to threats, violence, loss of a job on the whim of a boss, 12 hour shifts, no safety; these are but a few of the working conditions the worker had to face from 1891 into the 1930's. An education was denied his children because at the early age of 12 they had to work to help the family.

When the worker rebelled against these conditions and tried by strikes to improve his lot the whole power of the state (the governor, judges, state police, local police) was marshalled against him. The employer through spies, threats, black-lists, low wages and other means made a decent life unattainable. State troopers as in the 1913 strike would sweep through the streets, dispersing gatherings and smashing the picket lines; strike breakers were imported or orders at the plant shifted to other plants to break the strike. It was out of such a history of violent opposition to unionism on the one hand and of callous disregard for the worker's well-being on the other that our labor leaders emerged.





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Through the enlightened assistance of Federal legislators by way of the National Labor Relations Board, the Board, the Bob Wagner Act and other legislation the unions became a respected part of the community.

Over the last 30 years the unions have accomplished much for the good of all workers whether unionized or not. Decent wages, job protection, pensions, insurances, vacations, paid holidays, and other benefits are due to the hard work of the unions. Workers can now with frugality and planning send their children to college. It was impossible before.

With the individual worker thus benefiting so did the community. Now there was money to spend, so business prospered; the shacks disappeared, respectable homes appeared; children left the plants, they went to the schools; the appearance of the community as a whole was improved. The unions of this city have become an integral part of the civic community. They are represented in the United Fund helping to raise money for the less fortunate, assist in providing scholarships to deserving students, give their facilities free of charge to community organizations, help in various hospital, Y.M.C.A., and Penn State Extension College drives. The unions are ready to help in whatever way is needed.

In this spirit of cooperation, the unions of New Kensington have, within recent years, worked with the companies to keep them competitive. In mass meetings, where the company's problems were explained to them, the union members themselves voted to take wage cuts and alter the contract to help the company. There is union-management cooperation borne out of the recognition of their common interest.

The union of today did not grow like Topsy; it was forged out of necessity through blood, tears, sweat and bravery by many unsung heroes to bring to all Americans the right of equal opportunity in the economic and social field. For in truth, the job of understanding our unions is the job of understanding Americans. Some aspects of unionism show us at our best; other aspects show us at our worst. But, taken together, they give us a picture of one of the most powerful, aggressive, and humanitarian institutions of our day.



New Kensington has been honored by many United Mine Workers Parades through the years. They were held in the Spring to honor the Miners labor leaders and people came from far and wide to enjoy the day.

The United Steel Workers of American Local 302 (our aluminum workers) constructed this important building circa 1948.

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New Kensington has been served through the years by Bell Telephone Company, T. W. Phillips Gas and Oil Company, New Kensington Transit Company, and in recent years the Port Authority Transit of Allegheny County. Natural Gas, Water, Electricity and communication facilities are all available in ample supply. In fact, much of the Natural Gas and Electricity is produced in the immediate area.

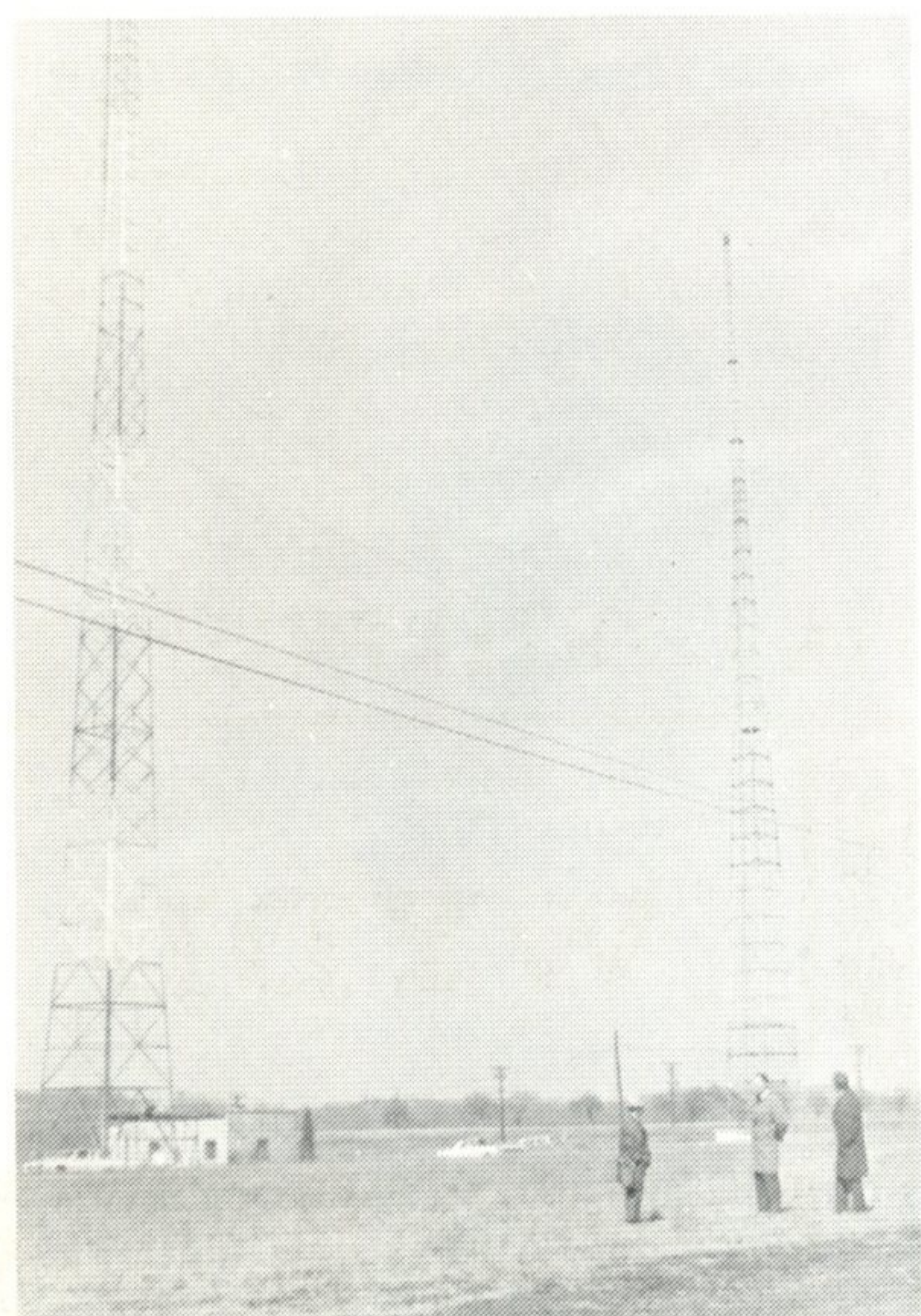
## **W.K.P.A.-AM - W.Y.D.D.-FM**

In 1941, the Cooper Brothers (John, Bus and Will) joined with Donald Hankey, Daniel Zeloyle, Frank Recco, Dick Reeser and Dom Shiarella in founding the Voice of the Valley, a 250 Watt Station W. K. P. A.

In a few years, C. R. Cooper and John R. Cooper virtually owned the station and under Ed Kroen its participation in community affairs was vastly expanded. People will remember the many religious programs, such as, "The Voice of Zion," "The Lutheran Hour," "The Maranatha Bible Hour," Major Sports Events, such as, the New Kensington-Har-Brack AA Championship were brought "live" to the valley.

As the public taste shifted, the programming changed to Music and News and E. K. P. A. became famous throughout the nation as an exponent of progressive jazz. Many stage and screen celebrities have participated in the program. The names of Michael Felock, Newscaster and Phil Brooks, Programming Director and Jim Gray, Announcer are known to everyone.

In 1958, James R. Cooper was elected President and Chairman of the Board, and under the leadership of Mel Goldberg, the new Manager, W. K. P. A. made a great leap forward as it became a major voice in the Pittsburgh region as a 1,000 Watt station. Shortly after, Nelson Goldberg and David Cooper joined the station. The Goldberg Brothers proceeded with the work of establishing the first FM station.



The AM-Fm towers at the time of completion of the WYDD transmitter and WKPA power boost

The Dispatch building which may soon go for the proposed Ninth Street Project.

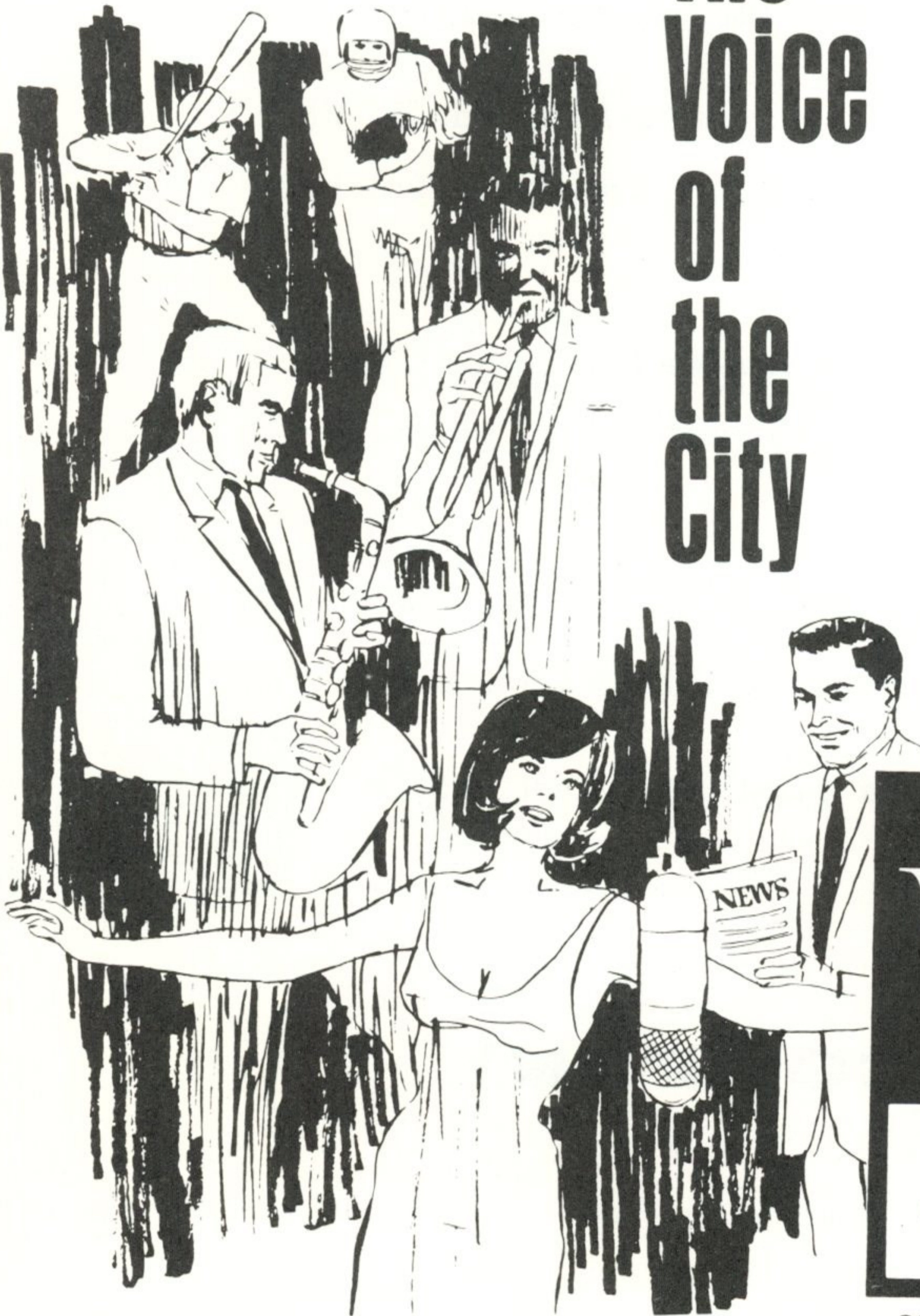


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WKPA was born 1941 as a 250 watt "voice-of-the-valley" by C. R. Cooper, John E. Cooper, Donald Hankey, Dan Zeloyle and others. The new voice quickly established a secure future as the areas' news and entertainment media of the air. In the decades that followed WKPA nurtured by the community grew to be recognized as a responsible commentator on the local and national scene. Under the leadership of Mel and Nelson Goldberg David and Jim Cooper WKPA made a great leap forward as it became a major voice in the region during the 1950's as a 1000 watt station. After many years of planning the Goldbergs and Coopers launched a new satellite known as WYDD-FM "a new world of entertainment" in 1961. Upon the retirement of C. R. Cooper and John E. Cooper it was decided that community leadership of the Goldbergs should be recognized and the stations WKPA-AM and WYDD-FM were sold to a local syndicate headed by Nelson Goldberg in 1963. The stations have continued to expand their community services under the new name of Gateway Broadcasting Enterprises.

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WYDD – FM went on the air when Nelson Goldberg took over as the new Manager. New Kensington can be justly proud of the response of the Pittsburgh listening area to the "Wonderful World of WYDD". Upon the retirement of C. R. Cooper and John E. Cooper, it was decided that the community leadership of the Goldbergs should be recognized, and the stations WKPA-AM and WYDD-FM were sold to a local syndicate headed by Nelson Goldberg in 1963. The stations have continued to expand their community services under the name of Gateway Broadcasting Enterprises.

It is interesting to know that Nelson Goldberg and others have founded an infant industry named Westmoreland Cable Company. It is a community Antenna system which can only be a footnote in 1966, but may well have the same spectacular growth in the next 25 years as the radio station had in the past 25 years.

## **THE PEOPLES NATURAL GAS CO.**

The Peoples Natural Gas Co. – serving New Kensington for over 60 years – was incorporated in 1885 to pipe natural gas from Murrysville field to Pittsburgh. It was Pennsylvania's first natural gas company to be chartered under legislation for natural gas companies.

Today Peoples distributes gas to 285,000 customers in 16 Western Pennsylvania counties. Manager J. Ray Ambrose directs gas service to 7,300 New Kensington consumers, a key area in Peoples' Northern Division.

New Kensington gas sales have multiplied 107 times since 1903, increasing from 22.5 million cubic feet to 2.4 billion annually today.

Looking back, the "blowing in" of the Haymaker Well at Murrysville gave substantial birth to the natural gas industry. Peoples Gas Well No. 1, near the historic Haymaker site, is the oldest producing gas well in Pennsylvania.

Peoples' locally produced gas satisfied its consumer requirements before and during World War II. When natural gas began competing for the home heating market after the war, a new supply was inaugurated— Southwest gas via long distant pipelines.

To accommodate Southwest gas, Peoples turned its depleted gas fields into storage facilities. This enabled the Pittsburgh-based utility to buy Southwest gas economically throughout the year—storing in summer for winter withdrawal.

Despite seasonal temperature changes, natural gas from Peoples' wells—about 11 percent—and Southwest production adequately handle customer needs. The firm's gas deliveries were a record 117 billion cubic feet in 1965.

A subsidiary of the four-state Consolidated Natural Gas System, Peoples' plant investment is \$176 million. Its New Kensington properties are valued at \$1.9 million.

## **WEST PENN POWER COMPANY**

The date when electricity began powering New Kensington progress is vague in history, but West Penn Power Company electric service dates back to a company incorporated on August 15, 1900 — New Kensington Electric Light, Heat and Power Company.



In 1904, when Tarentum Traction Railway Company was organized, power was purchased from this company. Trolley cars were operated between Natrona and the end of the New Kensington bridge until Pennsylvania Railroad granted permission to cross its tracks at the foot of Ninth Street. After that, cars ran through New Kensington to Arnold and Parnassus.

In 1906, Tarentum Traction merged with two other lines to form Allegheny Valley Street Railway Company and service extended to Aspinwall. West Penn Railways, an affiliate of West Penn Power, acquired the AV Railway stock and operated the lines until service was abandoned in 1937.

In 1905, New Kensington Electric Light, Heat and Power Company was sold to New Kensington Light Company, formed that year. With Parnassus Light Company, which had chartered in 1902, a merger in 1906 produced Allegheny Valley Light Company.

Allegheny Valley Light Company was merged with Arnold Light and Power Company in 1909, keeping in the Allegheny Valley name. The stock of AV Light was owned by AV Railway Company, which was acquired by West Penn interests from the late Andrew W. Mellon (who served as U. S. secretary of the treasury) in 1912, but the actual corporate merger of AV Light into West Penn Power did not take place until 1927, although they operated as a single utility.

About that time (1910-1920), a power station at Creighton furnished much of the area's electricity. This station was shut down after World War I, and the original units of the present huge Springdale station began supplying area power needs in July 1920.

West Penn Power has long been active in New Kensington in industrial development, community betterment (such as matching awards won by the city in the state contest), and in other ways that are contributing to the future of this area.

## **DAILY DISPATCH AND VALLEY DAILY NEWS**

Born on November 21, 1891, the Kensington Dispatch, a weekly newspaper, dedicated itself to serving the diversified interests of Kensington, a young municipality.

The newspaper said it would solicit the merit and confidence of all and politically it would exercise a fearless independent right. It promised to give attention to any and all questions of local importance, with the furtherance of Kensington and its people of first importance.

That bold journalistic promise was kept by the New Kensington Dispatch, from its inception of Sept. 15, 1919, until today, the celebration of the 75th anniversary of New Kensington and the newspaper.

H. Lee Goerman was the editor of the Kensington Dispatch, which sounded the community call in 1891. In 1910, the Dispatch Printing Co. was incorporated and Edmund R. Peay served as its manager for 29 years.

The newspaper became semi-weekly in 1915 and then a daily under the editorship of Roger Newcombe.

M. P. Endean became editor on Sept. 9, 1922, after Edmund R. Peay, George Evans, Frank Pratt and John McCartney Kennedy purchased the interest of Daniel Burns. John T. Endean and M. P. Endean purchased the interest of George M. Evans and succeeded Evans of the Board of Directors.



# 75-YEAR-OLD TWIN S!

Not only twins, but partners in progress for three-quarters of a century! The **Dispatch** was born with New Kensington . . . both of us made our terrestrial debut in 1891.

And for 75 years, this newspaper has not simply identified itself with the progress of Greater New Kensington and all of western Westmoreland County - - it has kept in the forefront of that growth.

The spirit of this community and this valley is spreading its wings to a great future. The **Daily Dispatch**, as a partner in progress, pledges its leadership to every movement which betters all our citizens economically . . . spiritually . . . culturally.

## **Daily Dispatch**

*For Seventy-five years a*  
**Partner in Progress**

Edmund R. Peay was President-treasurer, M. P. Endean, secretary-editor and John T. Endean Vice-president.

That team continued until Sept. 2, 1939, at which time Edmund Rhoades Peay Sr., the virtual founder of the Daily Dispatch, died. He began as a foreman in the mechanical department, became part-owner and manager of the weekly and continued as manager of the daily. He was associated with the newspaper for nearly half a century.

James A. Smith became editor on Sept. 20, 1939, with M. P. Endean as president and John T. Endean as secretary-treasurer.

In 1950, the Dispatch was purchased by Alfred G. Hill, Julia Hill and Don M. Wilson and Associates of Chester, Pa. On Aug. 28, 1953, the newspaper was sold to Dear Publication and Radio, Inc. Actual publisher of the newspaper was Aldon Publishing Co. whose top officers were: Joseph A. Dear IV -- president and J. Albert Dear -- treasurer. J. Albert Dear was editor, William W. Ahlstrom managing editor and Gerald H. Coy business manager.

On Feb. 15, 1960, the newspaper was purchased by News Printing Co. of Tarentum. The Endean Publishing Co. Became publisher of the Daily Dispatch with the following officers: Eugene A. Simon -- president George Stuart -- vice president and secretary Victor Ketchman -- advertising director Frank Anderson -- managing editor, and Stephen Fliss, treasurer.

The Dispatch at that time made this pledge to Greater New Kensington:

"It will never cease in its efforts to make its community a better place in which to live and to make the lives of the people fuller, richer and more wholesome. It will ever be on the alert for opportunities to render service to good causes and worthy purposes."

The newspaper also declared: "It will be at the side of those men and women who toil for community improvements and betterments of all kinds.

"The Daily Dispatch will never cease to fight for progress and reform. It will be impartial, remembering that all are equal in the eyes of God and the Law."

This continues to be the pledge as the Daily Dispatch and the City of New Kensington jointly celebrate their 75th birthday in 1966.

Our thanks and congratulations to all.

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# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

## ALLEGHENY-KISKI PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

The Allegheny-Kiski Personnel Association is an association of personnel and industrial relations and management men who represent area industry, government and educational institutions. Their objective is the furthering of personnel relations in the Allegheny-Kiski Valley. The group consists of approximately 50 members.

The Officers are: President — John P. Badura, Mellon Bank Vice-President — Joseph Scheive Jr., Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Secretary — Edward R. McNutt, Pennsylvania State University, (New Kensington); Treasurer — Mark J. Seita, Aluminum Co. of America Lawrence B. Sieliman of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. is chairman of the membership committee and William W. Wibster of Alcoa Research is chairman of the Program Committee. The chairman of the Public Relations Committee is Thomas L. Baxter of Alcoa. The Directors are: Frank J. Gannon of Koopers Co. Inc; W. Howard Stewart of Alcoa; Guy Smithson of Alcoa; and Carl W. Ferrao of Blaw.Knox Co.

## ALLEGHENY VALLEY ARTISTS

The Allegheny Valley Artists was started in March, 1965, by Jane Huth Craner with 27 charter members, to promote art in the Allegheny Valley. Membership is open to persons over 18, or high school graduates, who do creative work in any medium, or who are interested in the visual arts and crafts. Its membership of approximately 100 ranges from professional artists and teachers to retired business men, housewives, and young people. Geographically we represent 4 counties. Regular monthly meetings with programs and demonstrations, using our own members and also outside professionals, are held. There are sketch classes — with models and still life — and summer painting excursions and tours. Semi-annual exhibitions and other specialized shows have been staged in various places throughout the area, some in conjunction with other organizations. Our members have exhibited regionally and nationally, and many belong to outside groups, both amateur and professional.

Following several moves in the Tarentum and Natrona area, in January of 1963 through the interest of the New Kensington City Council and Chamber of Commerce, enlarged quarters were obtained in New Kensington. This has permitted a



This Early Polish-American Day Picnic and the adjoining Gymnastic Scene show that our ethnic groups have always been active.

Whatever their nationality all enrich our city by revering the cultural heritage of their national origins. — Rose Kruse

considerable expansion of activities. Beginners' and advanced classes in many art and craft categories for children, teenagers, adults, and retirees have been conducted. Our group has complied with requests relevant to our field, with minimum or no charge in numerous cases, concerning classes, art displays, art donations, club programs, designing emblems, judging, speaking, and demonstrating. Such arrangements have been made with Penn State Center, Sherwood Forest Theatre, Citizens' General Hospital, Chamber of Commerce, Miners' Clinic, Clergy Fellowship Forum, schools, churches, clubs, banks, and others. We have supplied the press radio, and television with publicity and art information.

Within a period of 10 years of existence, we have achieved greater understanding through art for us and the community.

## **ALLEGHENY VALLEY CONCERT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

In June 1957 Community Concerts of New York contacted a few persons in the area who they thought would be interested in bringing good music to the district. These few invited others to meet with a representative of the company to hear his proposals. Those who attended were enthusiastic about the idea and then and there decided to form an organization to be known as the Allegheny Valley Community Concert Association. The Board of Directors was made up of the people who were present. Thus the first Board consisted of the following people: Mrs. C. Richard Bendl, Mrs. W. P. Benghauser, Miss Marie Bonidy, Miss Carolyn K. Bruno, Mr. C. C. Conner, Jr., Mrs. C. Joanne Conner, Mr. Homer L. Crusan, Miss Dolores Donatti, Dr. Howard J. Dunhoff, Mrs. S. C. Fleegler, Mrs. T. B. Giles, Mrs. Donald Laird Hankey, Miss Shirley Hartge, Mrs. Vivian J. MacDonald, Dr. J. Dean Minford, Mrs. Benjamin Nelson, Father Thomas G. Rinn, Reverend Ward Smith, Mrs. Robert Stevick, Mrs. Robert T. Teeter, Miss Nora Ann Thomas, Mr. John L. Zacharias. In this connection, it is interesting to note, half of the present Board members were a part of the first one. Most of those who left have been transferred to other localities.

Workers were recruited for a membership drive in October. It was very successful; enough interested persons bought memberships to more than fill the auditorium at the New Kensington High School. Many of these same workers are still participating in the annual Spring Membership campaign.

Four outstanding concerts have been presented each year. Many well known artists and musical organizations have been on the programs; among them are such names as Rise Stevens, Roberta Peters, Fred Waring, The Robert Shaw Chorale, Jose Greco and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

At the annual meeting in May 1961, the Board of Directors decided to sever connections with Community Concerts and become an independent organization to be incorporated and known as the Allegheny Valley Concert Association, Inc. The present officers are: President, Mrs. W. P. Benghauser, Vice-President, Mr. George Anderson, Treasurer, Dr. Howard J. Dunhoff, Secretary, Mrs. Vivian J. MacDonald.

In the ten years of its existence the Association has become one of the vital cultural interests of the entire valley. Memberships have increased until they have had to be limited and a waiting list established for the next year.

## **AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE**

The American Field Service is a private non-profit organization. Founded in 1914 as a volunteer ambulance corps, it served with the allied forces in both World War I and World War II. 4,000 volunteer members carried more than a million casualties.

The AFS Winter Program was founded in 1947. Its purpose has been to create greater understanding between peoples of the world by bringing students (3000 in 1965) from abroad to study in U. S. high schools and live with families for a year.

The purpose of AFS Americans Abroad is to increase understanding and friendship among peoples of the world, giving American teenagers (1100 in 1965) the opportunity to live with families in another country. The AFS Americans Abroad is a family and school experience involving two phases - the Summer Program, initiated in 1950, and the School Program which began in 1957.

The New Kensington Chapter, active for over ten years, depends on community interest to survive and grow.

## **AMERICAN-ITALIAN CIVIC LEAGUE**

The American-Italian Civic League was organized in 1955 by a handful of Americans of Italian descent. We now have 400 members.

The League was organized to induce and encourage its members to more fully enter into community affairs. Too many clubs with ethnic backgrounds confine themselves to fraternal and benevolent purposes. We offer no criticism of this but we felt this community was in need of an ethnic club with a more positive program and purpose. The growth of the League's membership confirms the belief of its originators.

We have lived up to our purpose as is shown by our past achievements which are known to the members of this community.

We Americans of Italian origin are proud of our contributions to the American way of life. Our fathers have proven the industry of the Italian immigrant, his love of education for his children, his love of family and home, his reverence to God, his respect for and loyalty to State and his native intellect. Most of the members of our League are children of these hardy immigrants. We feel that this, our heritage, is a worthy contribution to the Great Melting Pot, our beloved United States of America. All of us stand dedicated to its preservation and growth and our continued contributions are to these ends. The Officers are: S. Camel -- President; R. Tocco -- Vice-President; R. Latagliata -- Secretary; N. Salvatore, P. Leonardi and A. Kapelewski -- Trustees.

## **WESTMORELAND COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN**

On March 30, 1954, the Westmoreland County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children was authorized by the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children, Inc., to carry on the work of the Association in this County. The Chapter is also affiliated with the National Association for Retarded Children, Inc. Services include a well rounded program for the mentally retarded.

On March 23, 1962, the WCC-PARC was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation. It is governed by a Board of Directors, serving without compensation.

Through the years community interest and membership in the Chapter increased. Services include:

A Sheltered Workshop founded in Greensburg in 1961, offering rehabilitation services, including diagnostic evaluation, personal adjustment training and job training. 62 Trainees are presently employed.

Trainees are transported daily from New Kensington to the Greensburg Workshop. This service will continue

until plans under consideration for a Workshop in New Kensington are completed.

Other services include programs for summer playground recreation in the Irwin area, parent counseling and camping. Parties are held for retarded children in the various institutions in the western part of the state.

Plans are being finalized for Day Care Centers in New Kensington, Jeannette and Greensburg.

Present Officers of the WCC-PARC are: Mrs. Edward C. Wachter, President; Mrs. Philip Lavelle, First Vice-President; John Scherzer, Second Vice - President; Mrs. John Mitchell, Recording Secretary; Mrs. A. Yantos, Corresponding Secretary; R. C. Rutherford, Treasurer.

## **AMERICAN LEGION**

### **EDWARD R. STIRLING      POST NUMBER 347**

Four veterans of WW - 1 at the corner of the McAllister Building on August 21, 1919, (immediately following the Tri-Borough Home-Coming-Day celebration parade) decided to organize a Legion Post. On October 10, 1919, the permanent organization of this Post was effected with the following officers elected and installed: Commander, Frank McKean; Vice-Commander, Herman Bausall; Adjutant, Stephen Bednar; Finance Officer, Milton Alter; Executive Committee Chairman, Sidney Silverman. Post Headquarters was on the second floor of the McAllister Building, and the main program was disabled veterans rehabilitation. This Post was destined later to play a vital part in the Allegheny Valley, and to cast its influence over Legion Activities throughout the State and Nation. In 1921, Legionnaire Oscar Silverman, conceived and developed an Americanism Plan that was adopted by the National Conventions as School Awards. State and National recognition was accorded the many Post Commanders. The Post has the Legion's highest award, the Distinguished Service Medal, based on outstanding performance in numerous civic activities.

In 1923, the Post moved to the "Legion Hut", on Stanton Avenue, where it continued to sponsor many civic activities including the colorful Drum and Bugle Corps. In 1963, temporary quarters were occupied at 313 Ninth Street until October 1952, when purchase of property at Constitution Blvd. and McCargo Street was consummated. An additional property at 2222 Freeport Road purchased January 1966, will be the new permanent Post Home.

Officers: John Sleigh, -- Post Commander    Wilfred Ruediger, -- Home Association President  
Robert Davis, -- Post Executive Committee Chairman    Margaret Justham, -- Legion Auxiliary President  
Ralph Johnston, -- Adjutant.

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

On April 24, 1917, a group of interested citizens petitioned the American National Red Cross for authority to form a chapter in New Kensington. The petition listed M. A. Alter as Chairman, Mrs. C. R. Alter, Secretary, and H. C. Walley, Treasurer. The list included S. W. Smith, New Kensington, General Secretary of YMCA; Frank M. Curtis, New Kensington, retired merchant; E. A. Hodil, Parnassus, Minister; W. G. Felmeth, New Kensington, Minister; Joseph R. Alter, Parnassus, Treasurer Logan Trust Company.

On May 2, 1917, the New Kensington Chapter was certified and the first officers were Chairman, John McCartney Kennedy, Parnassus; Vice-Chairman, Daniel Burns, New Kensington; Treasurer, T. E. Pratt, New Kensington, and Secretary Mrs. J. R. Alter, Parnassus.

The New Kensington Chapter was chartered to service New Kensington, Parnassus, Arnold, Upper and Lower Burrell, Allegheny Township, West Leechburg and Hyde Park. Because of our Congressional Charter obligating all chapters to Service to the Military and their dependents and Disaster Relief, chapter personnel are on duty 24 hours a day, everyday.

During the Kinloch Mine Disaster in 1929 when 362 men were entombed, New Kensington Chapter assisted 88 families at a cost of \$6,612.58. Following the 1936 flood when 560 families in the chapter area were affected, the chapter spent a total of \$15,614.03 providing food, shelter, clothing, medical and nursing care, household furnishings, building and repairs.

An extension of Service to the Armed Forces is Service to Veterans and their dependents. Because the nearest Veterans Administration office is in Pittsburgh, this chapter has processed thousands of claims since the end of WW I.

Beyond our mandatory responsibilities, this chapter has trained instructors in First Aid, Water Safety, Home Nursing and Mother and Baby Care and hundreds of classes have been taught and thousands of certificates issued.

Hundreds of local residents have served RedCross as trained volunteers in our local hospital, 3 Veterans Administration hospitals, and assisted with many community projects. The ratio of volunteers to Red Cross paid staff is better than 100 to 1. During the past year, 254 volunteers served a total of 19,656 hours under the sponsorship of the New Kensington Chapter of the American National Red Cross.

## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Formal scouting started in New Kensington in September, 1926, although troops in town, governed by a Greensburg council, had existed prior to that time. The Allegheny (Pittsburgh) Council welcomed the newly - formed Pucketos District. First chairman was Dr. J. M. Steim; members were Dr. R. W. Beatty, Dr. E. T. Chapman, Donald P. Davis, H. B. Weaver, and (now Col.) Ralph C. Johnston, first commissioner.

In 1956 the over-river Algonquin District merged with Pucketos, to form the present William D. Boyce District, named after the founder of American scouting, and, we are told by his widow, the first so named. Mr. Boyce lived for many years on the outskirts of New Kensington, in what is now Plum Township.

Scouting had continued through the years under the leadership of "old - timers" C. H. Manley, John "Scotty" Moyes, John Rawson, and John C. Stephens, Sr. After the Boyce District was formed, district chairmen successively have been J. A. MacLeod, Dr. David R. Spahr, Jr., Otto R. Knauerhase, Jr., and James A. Ferrick.

A scout since he was eligible to join, and still active as a district vice - chairman, Donald H. Hunger won national recognition as a youth when awarded the Hornaday Gold Medal for Conservation.

The Boyce District, at its greatest enrollment, served 1260 Cub Scouts (ages 8 - 11) in 42 packs; 875 Boy Scouts ( 11 - 14) in 35 troops, and 133 Explorers (14 - 17) in 11 posts, all served by just over 700 adult scouters and den mothers.

In 1958 - 59, with immeasurable help from Burrell Construction, Alcoa, and Logan Lumber, plus volunteer adult and youth labor, the Boyce Lodge was constructed on scout-owned Council property at Camp Semi-Conon, between Butler and Evans City. The \$12,000 building cost, with everyone's help, \$3,400!

Scouting is healthy today in our town!

## **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMENS ' CLUB**

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. was founded in 1919. The New Kensington Club was chartered in 1929. The goal then, as now: a high standard of achievement for women as citizens and as business and professional women in the United States.

Club objectives are: elevate standards for women in business and professions; promote interests of business and professional women; bring about cooperation among business and professional women; extend opportunities to business and professional women through education in industrial, scientific and vocational activities.

Projects carried out by clubs at local, state, and national levels include National Foundation - research in all areas affecting women, used by women all over the world; Women's Medical College at Philadelphia - the only medical college for women in the United States; Scholarships - awarded in all areas of education to local senior girls; Youth Power Conference - lectures and panel discussions for high school students; Service to Community - all areas affecting social and economic phases.

1966-67 Officers: Mrs. Goldie Whalen, -- President Mrs. Grace Costantine, -- 1st Vice President  
Mrs. Florence Ferguson, -- 2nd Vice President Mrs. Ruth Crosby, -- Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Wanda Crawford, -- Corresponding Secretary Miss Dorothy Walters, -- Treasurer  
Mrs. Martha B. Francis, -- 1965-66 President.

## **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**

Court New Kensington No. 860, Catholic Daughters of America was Organized March 2, 1924 under the direction of the late Miss Frances Maher, State Regent, with cooperation of the late Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, The Very Rev. Father Hertzog, who served as Chaplain until his death.

The Court has grown from its original 108 members under the first Grand Regent Mrs. Rose Adams to 360 Members under the present Grand Regent Mrs. Theresa Guzzo and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Henry F. Hanse, Spiritual leader.

The main work of the Court is charity. We sponsor several money making events each year to support both Church and Civic projects. The largest of these is the Purple and Gold Ball, which is held each year to sponsor a Nursing Scholarship at Citizen's General Hospital. Some of the other endeavors are sponsoring the advertisements for the Diocesan Marriage Course and the support of a Priest's education in the Trinity Missions.

The deceased members of the Court are remembered with a Memory Volume placed in the Peoples Library.

Though we are national in scope, we are interested in all civic affairs.

## **CLOA CLUB**

Early in 1942 the Consumer's League of America was founded by the following members: E. Roland Hammond, President, Stanley E. Kuhns, Treasurer, Harry E. Romig Secy, Wm. Benz, B. T. Hopkins, J. E. Mc Laughlin, Harold G. Murphy, C. E. Short and H. J. Voegtlin

Cloa Club of New Kensington, Pa., is a non-profit organization, Chartered in Westmoreland County Court, Penna., August 7, 1945



Present Officers: 1966 S. H. Beach, -- President J. R. Woodfield, -- 1st Vice President J. R. McDowell, 2nd Vice President R. L. Sekinger, -- Secretary E. R. Cluley Jr., -- Treasurer.

Purpose -- To further by all proper and legitimate agencies and means the development of community fellowship in order to promote community service: to develop good citizenship and improvement of the life of the youth of the community.

## **COMMUNITY FUND OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

Back in the 1920's and earlier the Community Welfare problems in this area were recognized and handled by individuals, the various churches, fraternal clubs and women's organizations.

In the early years of the depression in the 1930's, a group of civic-minded people realized the immediate need for chartering an organization to administer to the needs of a large and growing group of unemployed citizens. At that time there were no unemployment or welfare checks being distributed.

During the early years of its operation, the Community Fund administered financial support to seven or eight agencies. In 1960 the Fund admitted five additional agencies, 1961- one more was included, and in 1965- two agencies became members of the Fund. Today there are sixteen member agencies receiving the support of the local Community Fund. The agencies are: American Red Cross, Arnold American Legion Ambulance Corps, Boy Scouts of America, Braeburn Firemen's Ambulance Corps, Catholic Charities, Keystone Tall Tree Girl Scout Council, New Kensington Firemen's Ambulance Corps, Peoples Library, Salvation Army, Visiting Nurse Association, Young Men's Christian Association, The Arthritis Foundation, Pennsylvania United Fund, Western Pennsylvania Multiple Sclerosis Society, Westmoreland County Association for Retarded Children and the Westmoreland County Children's Aid Society.

During the past year the Community Fund has affiliated itself with the Westmoreland United Community Funds, Inc., along with eight other Funds in Westmoreland County. We are also a member of Community Funds and Councils of America.

As the Community Fund increased in member agencies, and the services to the needy and the community at large increased, so did the goals of the Fund. The first campaign in 1931, the subscribers pledged \$31,685.99. The highest amount ever raised was in the 1964-65 campaign in which \$163,848 was subscribed on a goal of \$154,000.00. Mr. Edward Shehab was Campaign Director and Mr. Joseph Ivanusic was Co-Director.

Over the years many prominent civic-minded persons have served as officers, board members or on the various committees of the Fund. To them we are grateful for rendering this service for the interest in our community.

## **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,**

**MASSY HARBISON CHAPTER, WAS ORGANIZED APRIL 12, 1941**

The name Massy Harbison was chosen to honor the brave pioneer woman who lived in this region. Her capture, privations, and escape from the Indians in 1792 is of historical importance.

The purpose of the society is to perpetuate the spirit of all men and women who served, lived and died to achieve American Independence, promote National Defense, develop, enlightened public opinion, provide maintenance for Approved Schools, foster patriotic Good Citizens awards in local high schools, and preserve the historical background of our community.

Establishing official recognition on the site of Fort Crawford, erected by Col. William Crawford, May 1778, as a munitions depot and refuge post for pioneers who developed the Allegheny Valley, was the first chapter project.

On land donated by the Parnassus Presbyterian Church, with the aid of New Kensington Council, Burrell Construction Co. and Frank Recco, city engineer, a large native sandstone, standing 8½ feet high, was erected and dedicated May 13, 1942.

FOUNDERS: Mrs. A. R. Henderson, --- Organizing regent Mrs. W. C. Winter, --- Vice-regent  
Mrs. G. W. Boden, --- Chaplain Mrs. E. J. Kidney, --- Secretary Mrs. E. F. Anderson, ---  
Corresponding Secy. Mrs. J. W. Searight, --- Treasurer Mrs. B. K. Bowman, --- Registrar  
Mrs. F. E. Jacobs, --- Historian.

PRESENT OFFICERS: Mrs. A. G. Taughinbaugh, --- Regent Mrs. A. M. McSparrin, --- Vice-regent Mrs. E. J. Ferguson, --- 2nd Vice-regent Mrs. D. L. Tipton, --- Secretary Mrs. R. E. Murray, --- Chaplain Mrs. E. E. Burow, --- Treasurer Mrs. C. M. Shaffer, --- Registrar Mrs. H. J. Long, --- Historian Mrs. Gaston Bell, --- Librarian Mrs. G. F. Bateman, --- Director.

## **EAST KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CIRCLE**

The ladies of East Kensington organized as a Red Cross unit during the first World War to knit and prepare ambulance supplies for use in the War.

On April 17, 1919 the ladies met to organize what they call the East Kensington Community Circle.

The Circle worked for good of the Community and answered calls for aid. They took an active interest in the Martin School, and furnished different amounts of items for the old school.

During World War II many articles of clothing were made for victims of Europe.

In the beginning the members met around different homes. Later they began meeting in the Old Martin School. When it was to be torn down, the ladies asked permission of the School Board to buy it. The board knowing what good the women did, they sold it to them very cheap. The women then purchased the lot across the street from the school, from the Union Springs & Manufacturing Company. The women earned the money to keep it going with different money making projects.

It truly is a community center and as such can be enjoyed by all of East Kensington, both old and young.

## **B.P.O.E.ELKS**

New Kensington Lodge No. 512 B. P. O. E. Elks was chartered on June 22, 1899. The first Officers of the new Lodge were: C. D. Sibley, --- Exalted Ruler Bernard Campbell, --- Esteemed Leading Knight George H. McKean, --- Esteemed Loyal Knight B. S. Hummel, --- Secretary and H. Burns Smith, --- Treasurer.

The Lodge held its early meetings in the Shepard Building and in 1909, due to increased membership, the present property on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street was purchased.

The Order of Elks is well known for its charitable work and Lodge No. 512 has an enviable record in this respect. In addition to the ordinary help extended to needy families in the Community, the

Lodge has supported the local American Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Citizen's General Hospital and all of the local charitable and civic groups.

New Kensington Lodge has been an ardent supporter of the Pennsylvania State Elks Cerebral Palsy project, The Elks National Foundation, the income from which is used for worthwhile projects throughout the country, and is now sponsoring the instruction of hospital nurses under its Student Aid Plan.

The Lodge is noted for the patriotic Flag Day Program sponsored each year, the gracious Mother's Day Dinner and entertainment, the Christmas Parties for the children and orphans, and the Annual Memorial Services in memory of the departed Brothers.

## **GIRL SCOUTS**

New Kensington Girl Scout Council was doubly lucky, way back in the 20's, for on the first troop committee was a man "with a dream", who became the first Commissioner, Frank Horton. He made the "Little House" on Stevenson Boulevard become a reality in 1935. In 1936 was the first Day Camp staffed by volunteers. The 40's brought "Neighborhoods" and an office to train and service leaders. Always willing to do all Community Services requested, the scouts also enjoyed camping, Appalachian Trails, National Roundups and the huge Juliette Low Rally held annually. Thousands of girls grew up into responsible, civic-minded citizens, under guidance of many dedicated women and men, too; so, too does this new council, KEYSTONE TALL TREES, covering 120 Square miles into which this New Kensington Girl Council became District V, has a man "with a dream", for W. O. Lytle serves as its Vice-President.

## **GOLD STAR MOTHERS**

Out of the heartbreak of war a new organization was born, the Gold Star Mothers. As the name indicates, it was formed by the Mothers of men who made the supreme sacrifice. Mrs. Harold Weaver, (Mrs. Virginia Weaver) who worked on the honor roll Committee during World War II, contacted Gold Star Mothers and the first meeting was held May 28, 1945 in Steiners Flower Shop. 15 Mothers attended the first meeting. The officers elected were President, -- Mrs. Jennie Steiner Vice President, -- Mrs. Mary Bates, Secretary, -- Mrs. H. Greenwald and Mrs Samuel McCracken Treasurer, -- Mrs. Virginia, who is not a Gold Star Mother, was elected as their advisor. March 27, 1946 several of the Gold Star Mothers made their first trip to the Aspinwall Veterans Hospital. The Mothers had baskets with gifts such as: pencils, postal cards, combs, handkerchiefs and socks. They visited about 100 boys, 14 were New Kensington boys.

November 1946 a committee attended the meeting wanting pictures of all boys who gave their lives, as the committee was planning a celebration for returned service men in June and wanted to have books published. June 8, 1947, Mrs. Virginia was in charge of the Memorial program at the Plaque, seating was arranged for 100 Gold Stars and their families. October 1947 County Commissioners donated \$2,000.00 for a Memorial plot of ground in the Greenwood Cemetery. Fraternal Order of Eagles donated \$500.00 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 92 donated \$500.00 Mrs. Steiner and Mr. Hiram Hartman contacted Plum Creek Cemetery, and a plot of ground was purchased for burial of the returning heroes.

The first body arrived October 1947.

November 19, 1947 the New Kensington Gold Star Mothers were chartered in the state of Pennsylvania.

July 11, 1950 Motion was made to purchase the Horton property on Freeport Road, as a War Memorial Home. Payment was made October 25, 1950.

## **HILL CREST COUNTRY CLUB**

The Hill Crest Country Club had its beginning in the year 1923 when a group of twenty men from New Kensington and the surrounding areas met July 12, 1923 in the New Kensington YMCA to organize the club.

The original club charter was recorded in December 1923 with a charter membership of 150 men of whom eight are still members.

Construction of the original clubhouse was begun and completed in 1925. The first nine holes of the golf course was opened for play in May, 1925. The second nine holes were completed in 1951.

The first golf professional of the club was Archie Loeffler who started in May 1925. The present club pro is Vic Choltco who has been the club pro since 1942.

The original clubhouse was totally destroyed by fire in the Spring of 1951 and was replaced by the present facility which was officially dedicated November 1, 1952.

The club and golf course is located about six miles north of New Kensington along route 56 and is aptly named Hill Crest for its setting. The clubhouse is located on one of the highest hills in the vicinity and commands a complete and beautiful view of the course and surrounding Allegheny Valley area.

In May 1958 the club completed construction of a large aluminum swimming pool and attendant facilities. With the completion of the pool, Hill Crest could no longer be described solely as a golf club but became in fact a family club.

The Women's Association of the club is presently composed of 130 members. The club membership also includes about 130 Junior Members which indicates complete family participation.

The present membership of the club is now 640 as compared to the original 150 and is still growing.

With this growth, facilities are constantly being improved with locker room expansions, etc. The golf course was improved with the addition of a watering system for fairways which was completed in 1946.

The club is governed by a Board of Governors composed of fifteen club members elected by and from the Proprietary Membership of the club.

The present officers are: D. D. McCracken, -- President T. E. Duglass, -- Vice President A. H. Bleier, -- Treasurer R. H. Menk, -- Secretary Mr. George Martin is the Club Manager.

## **I.B.P.O.E.OF W. LODGE**

The Improved Benevolent Protective Elks of the World Lodge was organized May 7, 1921 in the Shepard Building, the present location of Loblaws. Its charter members numbered 46.

The only two surviving members are: Clarence Chambers and Vivian Jacobs.

The first initiation was held at the Moose club, 1049-5th Ave. The lodge had three various homes before, taking a giant step in 1942 in purchasing the home at 1112 Third Ave.

During the reign of Clarence Chambers, the Junior Elks, Boy Scout Troops and the Athletic Department of the Elks were organized. In 1946 the State convention was held in our city. This was the climax of one of the biggest Elks affairs held in the city of New Kensington.

In 1951, Jesse Edwards was elected Exalted Ruler. He initiated a progressive program at the out set. Edwards proposed the remodeling of the site at 1112-3rd Ave. in 1953. The building was renovated internally and externally.

In 1964, due to Urban Redevelopment, the lodge purchased and moved into their fifth home which is located at 2nd Ave. and 10th St. Every move has been upward, always noticeable improvements in recreational facilities.

Due recognition and acknowledgement must be given to the present Trustees: Isaac Walker (chairman), Dan Griffin, Joe Brown, William Stowds, and Howard Wray. Edwards formed the Drum and Bugle Core under directions of Dr. F. C. Brasfield and the late John Daugherty, formed the majorettes under the leadership of Theora Watkins. This group has marched extensively in our city and all over the state, under the direction of Willie Davis and Irwin Craig.

The Civil Liberties Committee has become re-vitalized with the appointment by Edwards of Rev. C. R. Crockett as chairman. This committee has been eager in seeking jobs for negroes. Today, we appreciate the cooperation of Braeburn Steel, A.P. Green Brick Co. and the A & P Co. among others. Many companies have not hired negroes before.

During the Selma, Alabama Civil Demonstrations, the lodge sent Wallace Terry as our representative. He was to observe and recommend to the lodge his findings that we might help in such a worthy endeavor. The motto of the civil Liberties Committee is "Everybody is Somebody".

The following Exalted Rulers have served consecutively through the years: J. W. Waugh, Summer Forrest, W. L. Tanner, James Waugh, Mack Anderson, Arron Bouldin, Clarence Chambers, Leroy Turner, Alex Lewis, Arthur Warner, George Hubbard, P. O. Mason and Jesse Edwards.

Since its organization May 7, 1921. The lodge has been like an acorn, that has developed into a giant Oak. It's Development and achievements have not been because of favorable conditions but in spite of the difficulties.

## **KEN-TON-ION TEMPLE #631**

### **DAUGHTERS OF ELKS**

Ladies auxiliary to Valley Lodge # 294 I. B. P. O. E. of W was organized November 7th, 1931 in the old Elks home 1125 Fourth Avenue by the late Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie M. Johnson.

The first club was formed by Mrs. Catherine Davis, Mrs. Genevieve Gross and Mrs. Hester R. Thomas. The Daughters of Elks were organized with a sole purpose to unite all women of sound bodily health and good moral character; to give moral and material aid and to elevate its members. The organization is designed to teach people to live together in Christian charity and friendship.

During the depression our organization was at its lowest ebb and without funds, was re-organized in the Fisher building at 4th Avenue and 10th Street with Mrs. Hester R. Thomas presiding officer.

Ken-Ton-Ion Temple is presently presided over by Mrs. Florence Cooper Roberts and have on their roster nine Past State Presidents meritorious service. Mrs. Hester R. Thomas, the first Doorkeeper served as District

Deputy 21 years and holds a commission as State Deputy in the entire state of Pennsylvania. She's also President of the Pennsylvania State Daughters association and has served six years and was re-elected for another two year term when the state Association met in Reading Penna. in May.

## **KIWANIS CLUB**

The New Kensington Kiwanis Club, in the forty-five years of its existence, has boasted as members some of the hardest working men of the city, who were bonded together by the Kiwanis motto, "We Build". One member of the original Kiwanis Club, C. W. Burley, is still active in the organization.

Organized in 1921, the club first met at the Episcopal Church on Eighth Street. It moved from there to Weber's Tavern in 1923 and successively to the Salvation Army Hall, the Bluebird Tea Room, Arcadia Club room, and the Kensington Hotel before making its meeting place the First Methodist Church on Ridge Avenue, where meetings have been held every Monday at 6:05 P. M., since June, 1929.

At the present time the club sponsors two Key Clubs, one at the New Kensington Senior High School and one at the Arnold Senior High School. This is an international service club for young men on the high school level. Since their organization, the Key Clubs have been represented on the International Board in Chicago and have had one district governor for the state of Pennsylvania. Many lieutenant governors have served with distinction.

A contribution of \$2800 was made to the hospital fund in 1950. In 1963 a new nine-passenger bus was presented to the Westmoreland County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children at a cost of over \$2000.

Two of the annual fund raising campaigns consist of a Pancake Dinner in the Fall and the operation of the refreshment concession at all Ken High home football games.

The present officers are: William Hajel, -- President Ralph Rogers, -- Vice President Allen Speer, -- Treasurer.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

In the spring of 1908, some of the members of the Knights of Columbus living in the New Kensington area became imbued with the idea of having a Council formed in our city. To this end many meetings were held. Mr. E. F. Camp, the first Grand Knight, took the reins and after some tedious trials the Council received its Charter on February 21, 1909. Of the original fifty-eight Charter Members C. L. Keating, P. E. Moran and E. A. Gardlock are still living. From meeting quarters above Flynn's Dry Goods Store on Ninth Street, the Council moved to the St. Joseph Parochial School Building. They continued to meet in this location until 1928. In the year 1928 a building was completed at the corner of McCargo and Constitution Blvd. The Knights occupied this site until 1941 when the building was vacated. From 1941 until 1955 the Council again met in the St. Joseph School Building. In 1955 the Council purchased its present home, at 1232 Leishman Avenue, and an extensive remodeling program was completed in 1962. The Council was Chartered under the name New Kensington Council Knights of Columbus. In 1961 the Council name was changed to Father Francis J. Hertzog Council in honor of our Chaplain, who served in this capacity for over forty years. Some of the current programs undertaken by the Council are; Financial aid to the Supreme Council Knights of Columbus in Our "Catholic Advertising Program". A recently completed drive for funds to establish a library at St. Margaret Mary's Parochial School to perpetuate the name of our late and beloved Chaplain, Father Joseph F. Sullivan. Father Hertzog Council Knights of Columbus has weathered many storms, including the great depression of the thirties, and hopes to continue its longevity in our community.

FROM US. . . . TO YOU. . . .

"HAPPY 75th ANNIVERSARY!"



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Wilbert Gilkey, Joe Provenzo, James Glenn and Joseph Sullivan

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## **LEAGUE OF POLISH SOCIETIES**

The League of Polish Societies is a patriotic organization with the main purpose of uniting all Polish Societies in New Kensington, Arnold and vicinity into one strong organization.

Original founders, who served as first officers of the league, were Andrew Surowski, -- President Walter S. Krupa, -- Treasurer and Joseph Szymczak, -- Secretary.

The League was founded in 1926 with Polish Falcons Nest 41, P. R. C. U. 607, P. N. A. Group 533 and Polish Lancers Group 19 as members.

It was conceived by the Polish Falcons to erect a monument in honor of boys of Polish descent who fought in the Polish and American Army during World War I. The project, it was agreed, should be undertaken by the League rather than a single organization.

After several months of hard work the monument was erected and dedicated Memorial Day 1935 on the grounds of the Polish Falcons Park. Through the efforts of Mr. Walter S. Krupa and Dr. T. Telerski, the Aluminum Company donated a plaque containing some 180 Polish names which was attached to the monument.

During the 40 years many served as presidents and were active members in the League, and have provided leadership in their time:

With the help of God they have sought to build in our community a society founded on patriotism, respect for our cultural heritage, and belief in the American dream of equal rights and equal opportunity.

There are 60 delegates representing 14 Polish organizations. Many projects were successfully undertaken by the League. Annual banquet for high school and college graduates, with 3 scholarships of \$300.00 each being awarded to deserving students.

The annual Polish American Day, originated by Mr. Joseph Szymczak in 1955, was a great accomplishment morally and financially. Proceeds from the picnic help to build the scholarship fund, started on the recommendation of Paul Owczykowski, and is considered to be one of the worthiest projects.

Present officers are Paul Owczykowski, -- President Peter Haduch, -- Vice-President Anna Mae Staniszewski, -- Recording Secretary The late Theodore Surdykowski, -- Treasurer John Hotkowski, -- Sergeant-at-arms.

## **LIONS CLUB**

The Lions Club of New Kensington received its charter from the International Association of Lions Clubs on March 22, 1939.

Instrumental in organizing the club, and its first president, was Mr. C. L. Schmitt. Soon, thereafter, the New Kensington Club sponsored the formation of the Arnold and Tarentum Lions Clubs.

Since its inception the club has had an outstanding record of service to the community.

During the World War II, in which eleven club members served in the Armed Forces, the club was active in the promotion and sale of War Bonds and Stamps.

Citizens General Hospital has been the recipient of many gifts from the club including purchase of equipment; the purchase of a room; and a pledge of \$5000.00 in the recent expansion program.





One of the main activities of the club has always been the support of blind projects. Hundreds of pairs of glasses have been purchased as well as donations made to eye research operations, etc.

The club raised money for its many charitable activities by the sale of brooms and light bulbs, a car raffle, and other activities. Only by the citizens of New Kensington supporting these events has the club been able to serve the Community and the Lions are grateful to the citizens for their support.

## **LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE**

New Kensington Lodge No. 53, Loyal Order of Moose, was instituted August 26, 1908, with 75 charter members, in Flynn's Hall, Ninth Street, New Kensington, Pa., by Associate National Director M. D. S. Brooks of Kansas City, with the following officers: Louis Heiles, -- Past Dictator W. J. Howard, -- Dictator R. W. Moorhead, -- Vice Dictator, Wilbur Smith, -- Prelate C. E. Gimmel, -- Secretary James Hunter, -- Treasurer August Heckman, W. E. King, and D. E. Burns, -- Trustees Roy Brush, -- Sergeant-at-Arms H. R. Clawson, -- Worthy Inner Guard T. M. Beatty, -- Worthy Outer Guard.

The meetings of the lodge were held in the Flynn Building for well onto a year when it moved into the McKean building, which remained the home of No. 53 until the new building was completed.

The new home was built at a cost of \$60,000 and consisted of a three story building of brick construction. The building was dedicated on July 4, 1914.

The Lodge contributed to finance a children's room at Citizens General Hospital and have been sponsors of a team of the Little League since it began.

Present Officers: Andrew Sobota, -- Governor Leonard Komora, -- Junior Governor Richard Medred, -- Prelate John Zaborsky, -- Secretary Charles D. Ferguson, -- Treasurer George Collodi, Angelo DeMao, Edward Zack, -- Trustees Thomas H. Gray, -- Jr. Past Governor James Colledge, -- Sergeant-at-Arms Stephen Butko, -- Inner Guard Francis Parry, -- Outer Guard.

## **NAACP A-K VALLEY BRANCH**

To protect the colored citizens from racial injustices and brutality. . . . .

This is what the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been working towards since 1909.

The 27 lynchings in 1930 and court injustices such as the infamous Scottsboro case stimulated local Colored citizens to action; thus the New Kensington Branch of the NAACP was formed.

Since in the North as in the South there prevailed a general disregard for the feelings and welfare of the one-tenth Colored population, these intolerable conditions further prompted local Colored residents to apply for an NAACP Branch charter.

The Charter was issued May 12, 1930. The local Branch's first officers were Dr. H. C. Edwards, -- President Mrs. Anna Mayo, -- Secretary and Mr. H. E. Bullitt, -- Treasurer.

Other presidents have been the Rev. E. W. Sharpe, Nathan Waters Sr., Ishmael Johnson and Charles T. Andrews.

National officers of the association have been invited to New Kensington and local public interest was aroused after hearing Roy Wilkins, Robert Bagnall and Aaron Henry speak.

People representing practically every nationality and group in the valley soon became members.

The names of Rev. Baum, Daniel Burns, Nick Christopher, Rabbi Henry Goldburger, Adolph Biegel and many others frequently were mentioned in helping remedy noxious conditions in this area.

During the past 36 years, the Allegheny-Kiski Branch of the NAACP has worked effectively on both local and national levels.

In the A-K Valley much has been accomplished toward furthering better understanding and alleviation of friction between the races.

While much still remains to be done for better race relations, the experiences of the past encourages continued effort and confidence.

## **NATIONAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION (INTERNATIONAL)**

The Allegheny Valley Chapter of National Secretaries Association (International) was chartered April 6, 1952, with 28 qualified secretaries from business and the professions of this area. Charter officers were: President, -- Elizabeth Hockey Vice President, -- Mary Blean Secretary, -- Margaret Chesney and Dolores Brunelli Treasurer, -- Claire Lucchetti.

Its purpose: "To elevate the standards of the secretarial profession." Working toward this goal the Chapter has granted 13 secretarial scholarships to young women who entered the competition from 15 area high schools. Funds for scholarships are derived from an annual bridge luncheon.

AVC secretaries willingly lend secretarial and stenographic assistance with the Valley's non-profit civic projects, in lieu of monetary contributions.

Each member, recognizing the invaluable influence of woman's life in all she touches, resolves to inject into her business association the highest ideals for which this International organization stands. She resolves to further the interest of whatever business she follows; to exemplify loyalty and dedication to her profession.

## **NEW KENSINGTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Tri-Boro Board of Trade was incorporated September 7, 1901, Attorney Dinsmore having made the petition. On December 19, 1921, the name was changed to the Chamber of Commerce of New Kensington, Pa. In 1964 the name of the association was changed to the New Kensington Area Chamber of Commerce to more nearly connote the organization's sphere of interest and operation.

Records prior to December 7, 1942 were lost in a disastrous fire which destroyed the Connor Building, Cor. 6th Ave. and 9th St. where the headquarters were located. Consequently the Chamber's history prior to that date is sketchy and the files prior to this date were set up on information provided by the "old timers."

Past Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce represent a "Who's Who" in the city's civic leadership:

Isaac Claster, 1922; Frank McAllister, 1923; no one could fill us in on the presidents from 1924 through 1928. Since 1928 the following men served the Chamber with distinction: Walter S. Gabel, E. T. Connor, Dr. J. M. Steim, James G. Griffiths, Harry M. Yingling, E. J. Patterson, Everett A. Retz, Edson Everhart, Edward J. Kroen, W. F. McCabe, Dr. C. L. Hobaugh, Fred I. Lyle, Robert Stach, William H. Hall, Nick Christopher, R. E. Sheffer, James E. Simmermon, Milton J. Myers, and Charles H. Booth, Jr.

W. H. Yoder, father of Attorney Albert S. Yoder, was one of the earlier secretaries of the Tri-Boro Board of Trade and served in that capacity during our City's Silver Jubilee in 1916. He was succeeded by a Mr. Denlinger who served at the time the name "chamber of commerce" was adopted. About 1934, C. E. McGlaughlin was appointed to the position. In 1938, Mrs. Elisabeth Blissell, nee Surowski, was appointed as "temporary secretary" and in this, our Diamond Jubilee year, Mrs. Blissell still serves the Chamber of Commerce in the position of Executive Vice President.

The Chamber's motto is "ORGANIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENT" and it has lived up to its promise. Here is a partial record of service: worked on highway improvements — — most recent and noteworthy of these are the Route # 56 by-pass and the extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike from Irwin to the Ohio Line; initiated the establishment of the Penn State University, New Kensington Campus; initiated the Municipal Parking Authority; established the New Kensington Area Industrial Development Corp., and New Kensington Enterprises which produced new jobs and businesses; entered our community in six Statewide community betterment contests, won five prizes, three first and two seconds, representing more than \$13,000 in cash which is being used for community improvement. (No city in Pennsylvania has won a total of such major prizes.) Space does not permit going into details on the varied services rendered by the Chamber. It is the voice of business, community mailman, correspondent and publicist.

From a shaky beginning, the Chamber is now a solid institution with a well-equipped office, trained staff, located in modern self-owned headquarters. Its service to, and interest and influence in, the community is felt in all aspects of community life.

Plans for future development and improvement are worked on constantly. The Chamber's program never reaches a destination, it is a continuing journey. The leadership has served the community well in the past. The future augurs more of the same.

## **NEW KENSINGTON CIVIC THEATRE**

The ultimate test of an organization that depends on public acceptance is its ability to endure — and the fact that the New Kensington Civic Theatre is entering its 21st season is a record in which our community takes unusual pride. It all began in 1946, with roots reaching back to the 20's and has been gathering momentum ever since.

A community theatre is now held to be a repository of an art that, though thinned by encroachments, is too vital not to endure. Where else, for example, could one see plays, ranging, usually, from the exceptional to the good such as "Death of a Salesman," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "The Time of Your Life," "Teahouse of the August Moon," "Come Back, Little Sheba" "The Crucible," "The Glass Menagerie," "The Country Girl," "Witness for the Prosecution," "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial," "and "Juno and the Paycock."



Or such rare treats as "Outward Bound," "The Fatal Weakness," "Blithe Spirit," "An Inspector Calls," "The Hasty Heart," "On Borrowed Time," "Papa is All," "Lo and Behold," "The Chalk Garden," "Gaslight," "An Enemy of the People," "Kind Lady," and "East Lynn".

Or such fine romps as "Room Service," "George Washington Slept Here," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "The Male Animal," "Three Men on a Horse," "Mister Roberts," "You Can't Take It With You," "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The Desk Set," "Dracula," "Who Was that Lady I Saw With You," "Stalag 17," "Mrs. McThing," "Light up the Sky," and "The Matchmaker," Just to mention some to show the variety.

Along with producing four major plays a year, the Civic Theatre offers many opportunities for people interested in the Theatre – either back stage or before the curtain. Invaluable insights into acting, directing and make-up are often given by some of the faculty of Carnegie Tech. who provide lectures and demonstrations for the Civic Theatre members and each month new actors and directors, in combination with experienced people, put on one Act plays or scenes from larger plays for the meetings.

The New Kensington Civic Theatre extends a warm greeting to those who would like to share in the high pleasure of helping to project a playbook into lights, sound, action and drama to capture, briefly, some of those rare moments in live theatre. There should be many of them in these plays for the 1966 – 1967 season by Eugene O'Neill, William Inge, James Agee and Jean Anouilh. Can you match them with their plays Ah Wilderness Oct. 14 – 15, All the Way Home Dec. 9 – 10 Thieves Carnival Feb. 17 – 18 Picnic May 12 – 13.



Above is a scene from a Syrian-American Picnic.



New Kensington High School Band.

## **NEW KENSINGTON JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB**

New Kensington Junior Woman's Club was organized in 1925 and federated – that is, a member of the General Federation of Woman's Club, the same year.

Since 1925, the Juniors have contributed both time, talent and finances to community projects, besides supporting their federation projects on County, State, National and International Levels. The most Well-known events put on by the Juniors are: Their annual "Charity Ball" (held in Pittsburgh for the first 25 years and now locally) and for their annual "Bridge for Books" which every year is put on for the benefit of the Peoples Public Library of New Kensington. One must also mention the famous "Follies" which has entertained the people of this area.

A partial list of charities supported by juniors over the past years are: Visiting Nurses Association – Mental Health (Including donations to the 3 "Special" (Classes in the Tri-City School Systems) – Volunteer work at the Out-Patient Mental Health Clinic in New Kensington – S. S. Hope – Care – Arthritis & Rheumatism – Salvation Army – Community Fund – U. S. Olympics – Stamps for Wounded Veterans – Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge – International Scholarships. Right now the Juniors are completing their third year of a 3-year pledge of \$1000/year to the Citizens General Hospital's Building Fund.

The Past Presidents of the Juniors Are: The Mrs. A. R. Kaufman – Robert Taylor – Lawrence Kuhns – Thomas M. Hill – Mark Wainwright – Glennon Y. Persun – J. M. Nurdoch, Jr. – Kenneth Jackson – R. Klingensmith – R. Preston Carter – D. C. Fullerton. Miss Kathryn Hiteshue – Kenneth Garner – Thomas Butler – Miss Margaret McKeever – Paul Skillman – C. William Cline – Miss Louis Bowman – Richard Wodehouse – Bernard Koperek – John Batiste – Stephen Pastrick, Jr. – Miss Frances DeSocio – C. Richard Bendl – Thomas C. Parry – Miss Marie J. Bonidy – Bennett Sack – Miss Jo-Lee Pagliaro – Donald Dolan – Richard Bonino – Leo W. Ravotti – Stephen Justham.

## **PARNASSUS CIVIC LEAGUE**

The Parnassus Civic League was organized in 1954. Its membership is composed of male residents, businessmen, and property owners within the Sixth Ward and the 500 blocks of Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Avenues. The organization is non-political. It has been active in supporting civic improvements, both in the membership area and in the entire city. The most important of these Improvements are; 1. The redevelopment of the Parnassus Triangle. 2. The Parnassus truck by-pass. 3. A neighborhood beautification program. 4. Compliance with zoning ordinances. 5. Enforcement of the housing codes.

In addition to these interests the League represents the area citizens at the regular meetings of public bodies such as the City Council and the School Board.

The League meets monthly except during the summer months. All current civic matters are discussed and acted upon. The League does contribute financially to groups or projects operating or located within the Parnassus area. The present officers and directors are; President – – Dom J. DeMaria Vice President – – Stanley C. Lucas Treasurer – – Donald A. Hankey Secretary – – James R. Mc Dowell Directors – – R. G. Chrchfield – – William Davis – – Willis Hug – – John Maglisco – – Harlan Stollar.

Out Motto; It you want a better community begin in your own back yard.

## **POLISH FALCONS**

The first efforts of a few hardy and far-seeing individuals to organize a gymnastic organization in New Kensington materialized on the 12th of February in 1905, in the Parish Hall of Saint Mary's R. C. Church. In conjunction with the church choir, there several organization meetings were held, the fledgling idea met some opposition from Father Mlynarczyk, than the Polish population and after a few meetings is was forced to disband.

The officers at the time of this first attempt were: President -- Bol. Hojnacki Vice President -- Ign. Moranski Secretary -- M. Glod Treasurer -- F. Kotermanski.

Bol. Hojnacki and M. Glod are credited with reviving the idea all over again by contracting the National Headquarters for instructions. By-laws and a constitution were drawn up and the new officers were elected.

One of the first decisions reached by this group was to promote amateur theatricals and to affiliate with the Polish National Alliance and its insurance program, being assigned as Group # 772 thus making the Nest more binding.

At the outbreak of World War I the Nest was well prepared to meet its moral and financial obligations by contributing generously hundreds of dollars for the needy in Poland. The organizations contributed to were; the Orphans, the Red Cross, the National Defense Fund for Poland, the Ten Million Dollar Reconstruction Fund for Poland, and at the same time the Nest purchased defense bonds from both the government of Poland and the United States of America.

After the war years, these energetic young men resolved not to stand idle and during the year of 1922 a Park Committee was formed to seek a suitable sight to serve as a camp and picnic ground and an athletic field. This as every project undertaken materialized and a 30 acre tract was bought which is now known widely as the Falcon Park. The cost of the land was \$7,500.00. The following year volunteers cleared the wooded area and erected a Dance Pavilion at a cost of \$2,500.00 and had an excellent drill ground for further training. On this spot New Kensington played host to its first District IV convention and field meet on July 3-4-5, 1925. Successfully conducting one of the largest gatherings of gymnasts from Western Penna., it was only dampened in enthusiasm by inclement weather which just about washed out the final performance.

The officers are currently considering several possibilities for future expansion to provide a suitable gymnasium combined with a large enough social room that would be in demand for use by the general public for banquets, weddings, etc. But the lack of enthusiasm by the general membership at the moment in fear of creating a new and excessive expenditure, has held up these plans until a larger reserve in capital is accumulated.

## **PUCKETOS GARDEN CLUB OF NEW KENSINGTON**

Civic beautification in New Kensington today was one of the results of an evening group of men and women gardeners organized in 1926 by T. H. Hurst and D. M. McBride.

At the first meeting of an afternoon women's group on Oct. 2, 1933, the name PUCKETOS GARDEN CLUB was selected. Mrs. H. Burns Smith was elected first president.

Begun then, the project of taking flower arrangements to local hospital patients still continues. The club has also planted flowers and shrubs around the hospital and the community and in





1965 was honored by the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania and Sears Roebuck Company for its "outstanding civic beautification."

Objectives are to: Encourage planting gardens, study methods of plant cultivation, cooperate in neighborhood betterment and aid in protection of wild flowers and birds.

In addition to monthly meetings to inform members of latest news of horticulture and flower arranging, the group also works with young people to create an interest in gardening.

This year, flower seeds were distributed to each fourth, fifth and sixth grade in all eight local elementary schools. After observing the plants grow, each student took one home.

Officers for 1965 - 1966 are: Mrs. N. Lee Koontz - - President Mrs. William C. Klingensmith Jr. - - first vice president Mrs. Henry Keller - - second vice president Mrs. E. C. Ferguson - - Secretary Mrs. T. I. George - - Treasurer Mrs. B. T. Hopkins - - Assistant treasurer Mrs. Charles Slonaker - - Librarian.

## **QUOTA CLUB OF NEW KENSINGTON**

Quota Club of New Kensington was chartered by Quota International Incorporated on February 20, 1941 with Mrs. Elizabeth Blissell as Charter President. It is a classified organization of professional and business women, united in a spirit of fellowship and dedicated to service to their community and country. Each member holds an executive position, owns her own business, or practices a profession.

The motto "We Share" is the Club's keystone of service which is directed towards girls' service work, service to the hard of hearing and the speech handicapped, and international cooperation. Locally, these goals have been met through nursing scholarships to girls in training at Citizens General Hospital, through financial assistance to individuals in need of hearing evaluations, hearing aids, or special speech training. An audiometer was purchased for the use of the local schools in measuring the hearing of students. An International Fellowship Fund has been substantially supported to educate women from other countries in the United States so that they might return to their own countries better qualified to contribute to their countries' growth and development. The CARE program and Meals for Millions are financially aided by the club. Quota also supports the United Nations as the best means of fostering international peace.

The Club recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with four Charter members, Elizabeth Blissell, Anna Davis, Elizabeth Hockey, and Ava Siebert still participating as active members.

The present membership totals thirty-two active business and professional women, united to serve community, country, and the world.

## **ROTARY**

For many years the Rotary Club has been an active part of civic affairs. Throughout the world its membership is as in New Kensington made of leaders in their chosen professions and business and government executives.

Years ago the Rotary started their program for crippled children. The cases are carefully investigated for need and medical, educational and other financial help is provided. Another function of Rotary is the International Rotary Scholarships which provide financial assistance to able and needy students. Since 1947 more than 1600 fellowships have awarded more than \$4,000,000, to our youths in the International. In New Kensington Rotary has recently expanded their activities by aiding Penn State,

Citizens General Hospital, and other community welfare activities. The present membership exceeds 50 men and it meets on Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the Holiday Inn, New Kensington.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB--YMCA**

The club was organized in 1965 as a social group for Men of Retirement age – (Some clubs today are named the 'Mora Club'.) Mr. H. B. Weaver was the first president and Mr H. R. Wylie the first Secy.

The following were charter members H. B. Weaver, H. R. Wylie, E. G. Garvin, J. G. Ambrose, Frank Edean, W. K. Clowes, H. V. Churchhill and Harry Buffington. There may have been more but the original records of the club have been lost.

The president is elected for only one year and the following men were succeeding presidents, H. V. Chuckill Frank Evdere, Boyd Bowman, S. C. Sutter, Leonard Tipton, S. C. Bednar, Blair Snyder, Emil Delasin, C. Harry Caesar being the immediate post president.

The present officers are John R. Gilbert – – president Norman L. Koontz – – First Vice-President Frank Roller – – second vice president, D. L. Robinson – – Treasurer and Roy H. Baldiech – – Secretary.

Today there are approximately 150 members. A annual picnic and corn roast is held each year. Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday at 2:00 P. M. with a varied program and the end of each president's term a banquet is held and the new officers for the following year are installed. Three members of the local club are active in the state organization.

All men who are retired or of retirement age are eligible for membership.

## **SOROPTIMISTS**

SERVICE is the key word of Soroptimists clubs everywhere, in the Federation of the American and International Association, and since the Allegheny Valley Soroptimists Club was chartered in 1958 service has been its main objective.

The need of the service is the prompting force, rather than whether the accomplishment is large or insignificant. In this area a contribution of the Allegheny Valley Club was conducting a weekly story hour at Peoples Library, New Kensington, for all interested children. This project was continued more than five years.

Another long-time project has been helping make Christmas a happy time for youngsters at Westmoreland County Home, filling the request to Santa for at least one girl each year.

Annually competition is opened to area high school seniors in a citizenship contest, with the winner sponsored by other Soroptimist Clubs.

Other services have included scholarships for male students at Citizens General Hospital School of Medical Technology, Natrona Heights.

Needed equipment to project motion pictures was purchased for the children's ward at Citizens General Hospital and continued support has been given. Westmoreland County Chapter of Pennsylvania Association for Retarded

Children and from time to time entertainment is provided for patients at Harmarville Rehabilitation Center.

The Soroptimist Federation's program for International Goodwill and Understanding also is heartily supported.

Club membership invitations are based on classified executive and professional positions. Mrs. Louise Scholze now is beginning her second term as club president.

## THE FORUM

"The Forum" is a civic organization formed in the City of New Kensington in 1962. The basic purpose of this group is the improvement of the community in its educational, political, cultural, recreational, economic, and social aspects.

This organization was primarily founded through the efforts of three men. Joseph DeSimone, local merchant; Floyd Greco, Alcoa executive; and Leonard J. Paletta, attorney at law.

The members all have an Italian Heritage and the governmental framework of the group has been based upon Ancient Roman History.

The present officers are: Dom A. Saulle -- Consul Dom Flocker -- Tribune Tom Cimino -- Scribe Alfred Belli -- Treasurer. In addition, there is a governing body, the senate, composed of 16 Senators.

A review of the history of the group shows many successful projects. Among them has been a staging of "Candidates Night" in New Kensington and Arnold. Candidates for political office were introduced from all parties and they gave their views of the office they sought in the few minutes allotted to them.

Also, a scholarship program has been in effect. Each spring two students are selected from the local schools for the partial scholarship.

The main benefit derived by the members and the community from the functioning of the organization has been the opportunity for enlightenment on all current issues affecting the community. The members are stimulated in their thinking and enriched in their knowledge by the group discussion. The Community receives the benefit of some clear thinking upon the subject which has been analyzed and subjected to an airing of different views.

## TYRIAN LODGE NO. 644, F. & A. M. MASONS

Tyrian Lodge No. 644, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, was constituted June 22, 1906, by Brother John S. Sell, D.D.G.M., who was later Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, 1920-21.

Officers at Constitution of Tyrian Lodge No. 644 were as follows: Joseph R. Alter -- Worshipful Master Frank R. Alter -- Senior Warden Robert E. Withers -- Junior Warden Matthew H. Mainwaring -- Treasurer Alonzo M. Frederick -- Secretary Elmer R. Criss, William G. Yohe and Thomas H. Davies -- Trustees.

Officers for 1966 are as follows: John J. Davidson -- Worshipful Master E. Orr Bracken -- Senior Warden Carl L. Fester, Jr. -- Junior Warden David T. Culp -- Treasurer D. Dalton Good -- Secretary J. Ralph Hoffman, John Robert Scott and Harland M. Stollar -- Trustees.

Of the 37 members present at the time of Constitution, only two are alive, at present. They are Brother Paul J. Urquhart and Brother John T. Springer.

During the past sixty years, the growth of the Lodge has been steady.

Tyrian Lodge has members living in every State in the United States and in all Countries throughout the Free World.

Freemasonry is a philosophy of Life, for the development of character, a Fraternity of character in which virtue, goodness and knowledge are prescribed and practiced precepts.

Just as the history of a nation is a record of the service of its people, so are the achievements of Tyrian Lodge No. 644 a record of the efforts of all its members. Those efforts and the influence of the friends who have traveled with us through the years are responsible for the accomplishments of the past sixty years. It is our earnest prayer that the same spirit of brotherly love and service that marks the Masonic way of life will be vouchsafed to us by the Grand Architect of the Universe throughout our unfinished history.

## **THE WOMEN'S CLUB of NEW KENSINGTON---**

"The object of this Club shall be to create and maintain an organization center of thought and action among women for their advancement and the betterment of the Community, and to promote the work of the Federation of Women's Clubs."

Organized 1909 as "Child Study Club", later "Tri-borough Woman's Club" and in 1932 became known by our present name. Thanks to Alcoa, we met in the Aluminum Clubhouse from 1920-1962. Now meetings are in the First Lutheran Church.

Looking objectively - a few outstanding projects. In 1913 Club efforts were made unsuccessfully for a Carnegie Library here. Mrs. Joseph M. Steim president in 1927 - with help from our Junior Women's Club - started one with 374 books. Today it holds 22,500. Current Club presidents automatically are Library Board members, as we contribute annually.

Thousands of surgical war dressing were made...started Well Baby Clinic...sponsored Dental Clinic. "Club was ward of mute 12 years" established Library Memorial shelf... "Boxes and Bundles" for Europe (gateway to CARE) was inaugurated and publicized...donated heavily to Women's Medical College, Philadelphia...instituted "Clean-Up Campaign" planted trees Ridge Avenue Triangle...installed 1st drinking fountain downtown... Responsibility for Tuberculosis Seal Campaign for years...members spearhead innumerable community drives...Almost 50% Club funds are for philanthropic work...Current membership is 326.

After 57 years of enterprise in New Kensington, the Woman's Club reports that it is gathering velocity, certainly not lessening in interest or activity. Mrs. Donald L. Robinson is our Club's 30th president.

These are the Past Presidents: Mrs. Arthur Van Ostrand - - Mrs. George F. Murphy - - Mrs. Joseph R. Alter - - Mrs. Charles A. Flack - - Mrs. John McCartney Kennedy - - Mrs. S. W. Smith - - Mrs. W. Riley Alter - - Mrs. G. T. Lamon - - Mrs. Benjamin H. Thompson - - Mrs. Charles R. Alter - - Mrs. Joseph M. Steim - - Mrs. Horace G. Durbin - - Mrs. R. Vincent Hartman - - Mrs. Roland M. Swank - - Mrs. Frederick J. King - - Mrs. Harry M. Yingling - - Mrs. Harry B. Weaver - - Mrs. Roland G. Sturm - - Mrs. J. L. Otterman - - Mrs. J.

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## **VOLUNTEERS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT**

Late in the fall of 1959 the Volunteers for Good Government was formed to fight a powerful entrenched political machine of New Kensington. This handful of men met secretly in many places to prevent reprisals against any members.

The Volunteers were the focal point around which the discontented citizens rallied and defeated the political machine in 1961. In 1962 Volunteers were active on many fronts in helping the paper ballot fight against the county commissioners. During these years the Volunteers helped correct many abuses at the polling places and helped bring the voting lists up to date.

Presently, the daily business of the city, schoolboard and public authorities are watched by the Volunteers. Citizens are alerted whenever their best interests are in jeopardy in civic business. Public officials are questioned as to their actions. This is done for good government in New Kensington by the Volunteers for Good Government.

## **YMCA**

Ten years after New Kensington had its start the local YMCA was formed at a meeting held December 3, 1901 in the Trinity Reformed Church. At that session, the Rev. J. M. Atchison of Parnassus United Presbyterian Church, presided. According to the minutes of that eventful session, it was "moved by Horace G. Durbin, seconded by R. E. Withers that a "Y" be organized.

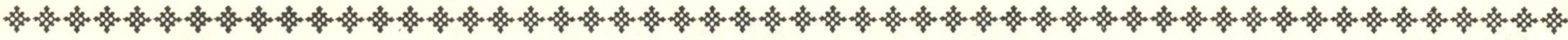
Those minutes were responsible for the action which has seen the fulfillment of a plan laid before a small group of men at the turn of the century.

"On December 13, 10 days later, a nominating committee of Rev. N. S. Fiscus, Walter Wilson, M. G. Euwer met to nominate 12 directors and six trustees," according to the records. The records reveal that on the same date the directors and trustees were elected.

The directors were: L. F. Shaner, E. R. Criss, Dr. A. S. Kaufman, Rev. N. S. Fiscus, all one-year terms. T. K. Cree, Jr. Clyde Monroe, Horace G. Durbin, Rev. F. M. Wilson, all two year terms. R. E. Withers, J. A. Hawk, H. C. Walley, Wilmer Dugan, all three-year terms.

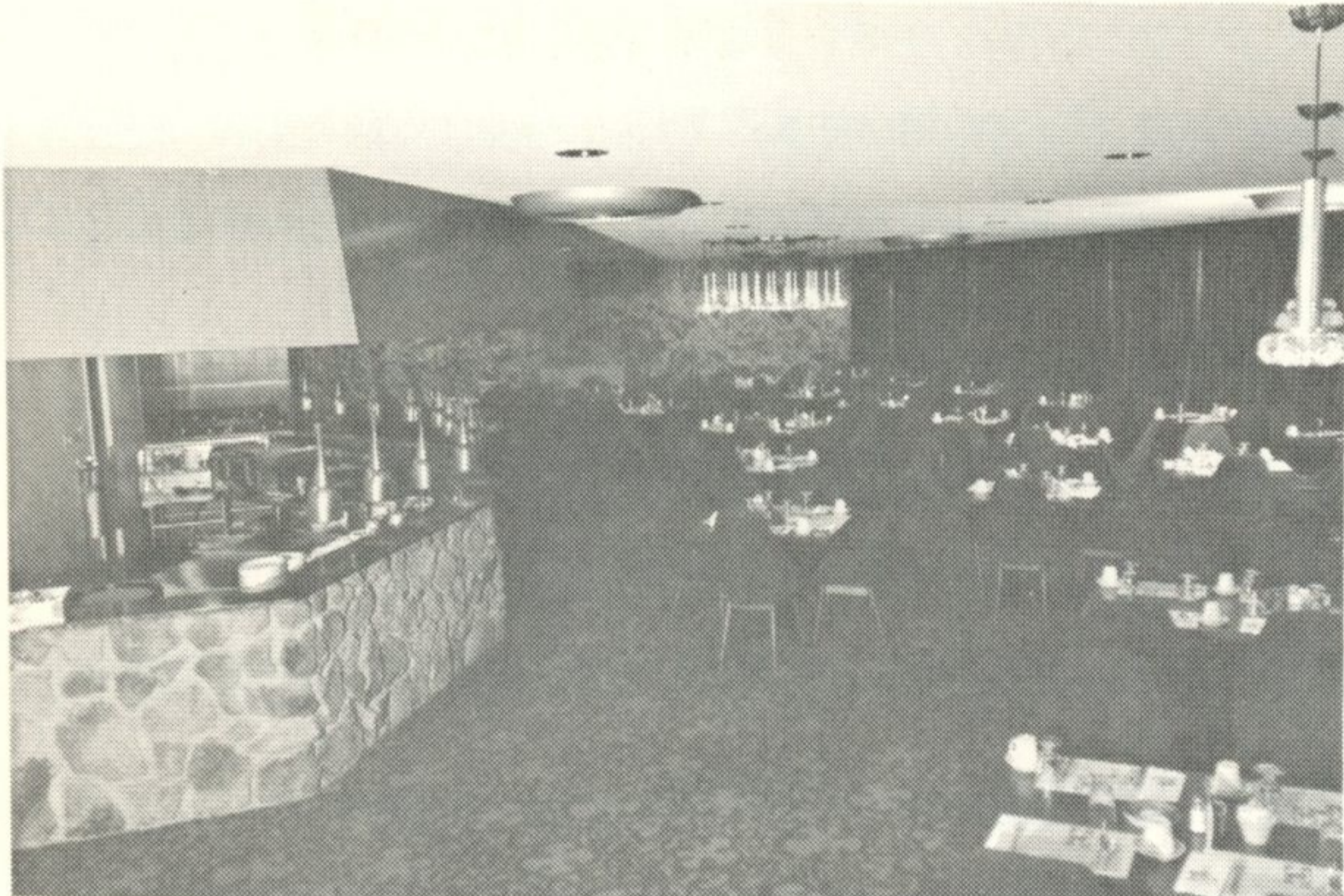
The Trustees included: M. G. Euwer, one year, W. J. Peebles, two years; J. R. Alter, three years, Rev. D. B. Lady, four years, Frank Curtis, five years, and Charles Parkin, six years.

In 1906 the "Y" moved to its new building at 951 Fifth Ave. where it conducted its program until Dec. 13, 1943 when it was destroyed by fire. Between the years of 1943 and 1955, the YMCA program was operated out of a small building known as the "Shack", which was located on the lot now used by Thompson Motors as a Used Car Lot. In the early 1950's an extensive building fund campaign was run which resulted in the excellent, well-equipped structure located at the corner of Ridge and Constitution Blvd. The building cost more than



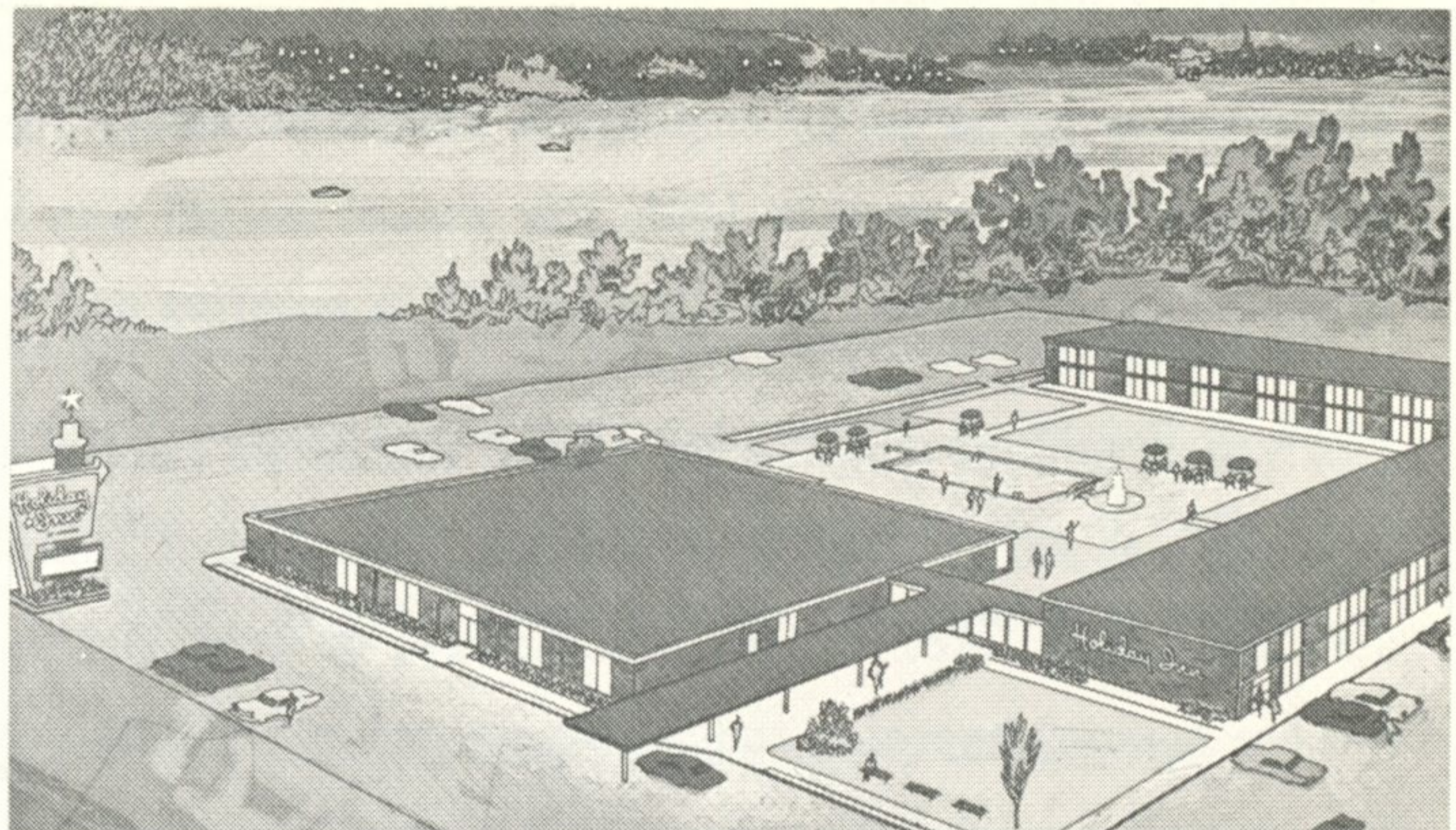
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The business was founded in the year 1931 by Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Walzer, their first store was located in Aspinwall.



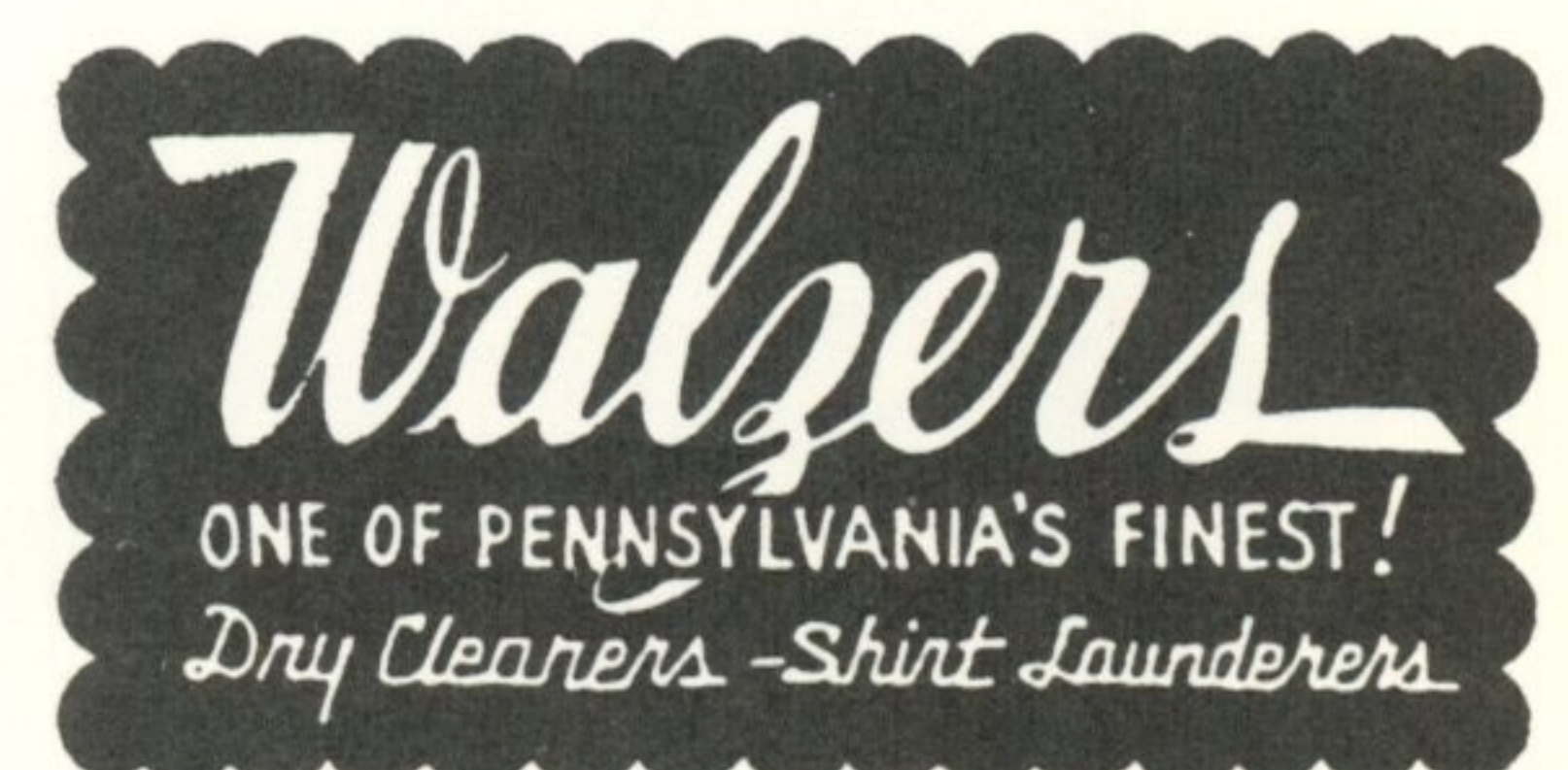
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Walzer's fleet of 10 trucks in the year 1966 at present location Corner 4th Ave. & 8th St. in New Kensington. Walzer's now have a staff of 60 employes operating 10 delivery trucks with 6 store locations - New Kensington - Riverview Plaza Shopping Center - Hillcrest Shopping Center - Natrona Heights, Oakmont & Aspinwall.



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\$650,000 to erect, and its replacement value at present would be almost \$1,000,000.

The YMCA began its operation on a completely voluntary basis. When it moved into its first building, it became necessary to hire a professional staff, and as the program and facilities increased, it has become necessary to increase this staff.

There are many part-time employees and volunteers who aid in conducting the programs. When the new building was dedicated in 1955, the annual budget was \$35,000, and the projected budget for 1967 is almost \$87,000, which is an indication of both a growth in program and cost of operation.

The YMCA has for many years served the entire family, including women and girls. In addition to the normal physical education, type of activities, a number of Social Education Classes are held such as knitting, bridge, Social dancing, guitar, etc. During the Jubilee, an Open House will be held to show off the brand new Health Club which will feature special exercise rooms, sauna and steam baths, and a private air-conditioned lounge.

Since its beginning, the YMCA has been guided and assisted by many of New Kensington's finest citizens who have given their time on boards and committees. The members of the present Board of Directors Are:  
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-- W. L. Jefferson -- George F. Johnston -- Guy Smithson -- Robert Huttinger -- Raymond Pastura --  
and Roger Ruhman. Trustees are: W. S. Gabel -- H. B. Weaver -- and Harold Walley.

The YMCA has also been assisted by the very active Women's Auxiliary, which has been very generous in donating necessary equipment and furnishings as needs have presented themselves. As of this writing, there are over 1800 active members at the YMCA. In addition to programs for members, the "Y" facilities are available to non-member groups on a nominal rental basis.





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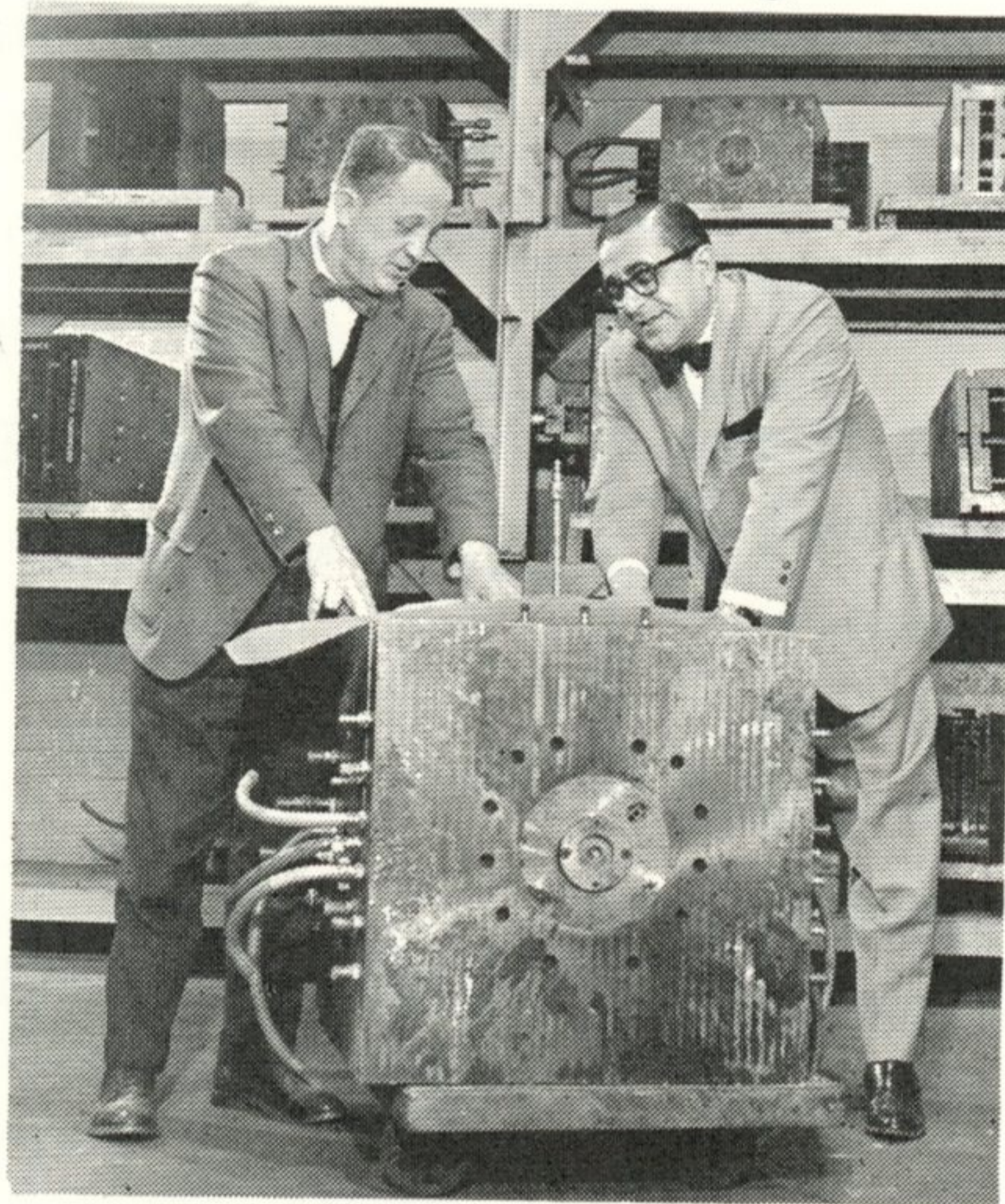
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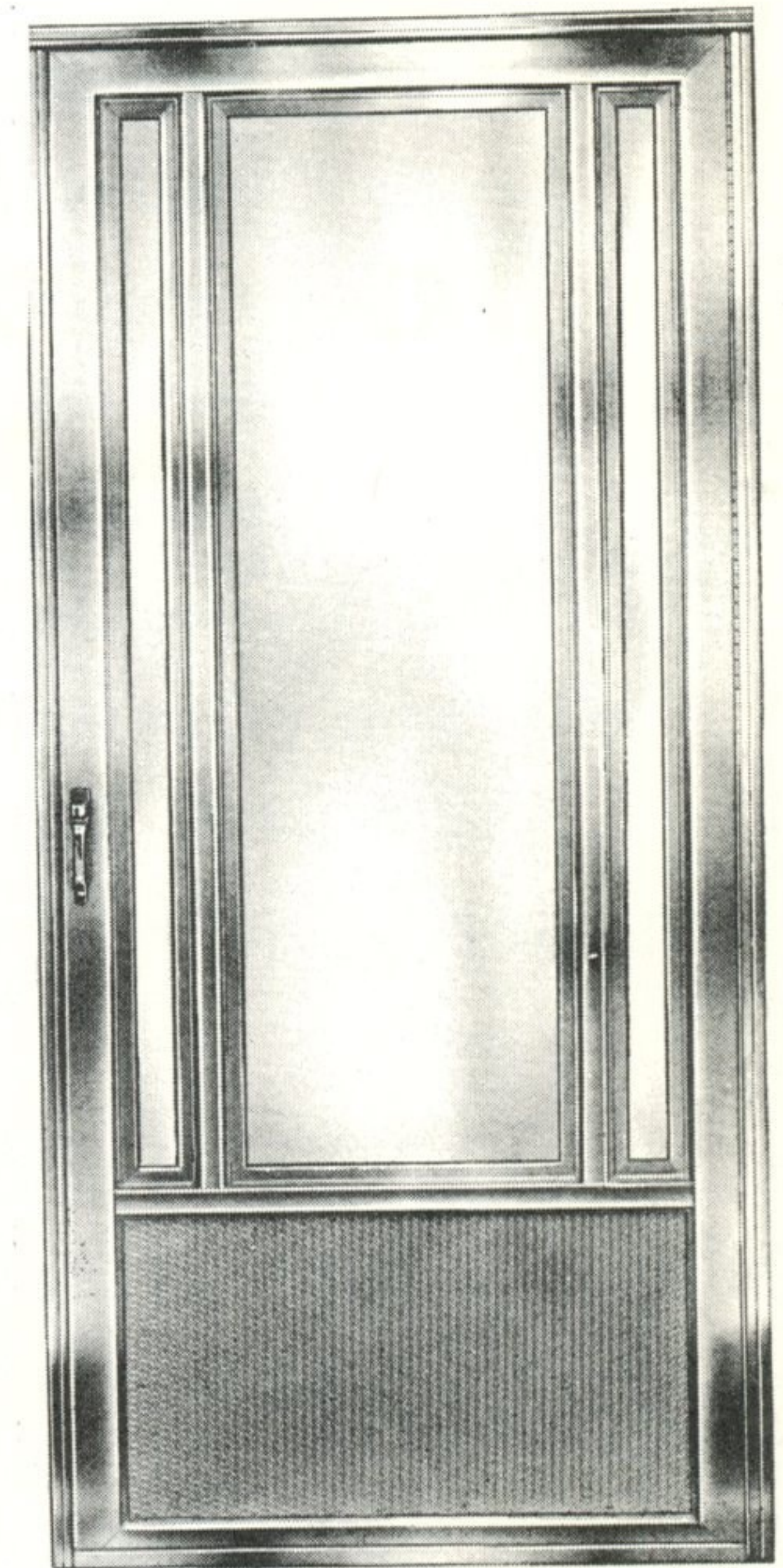
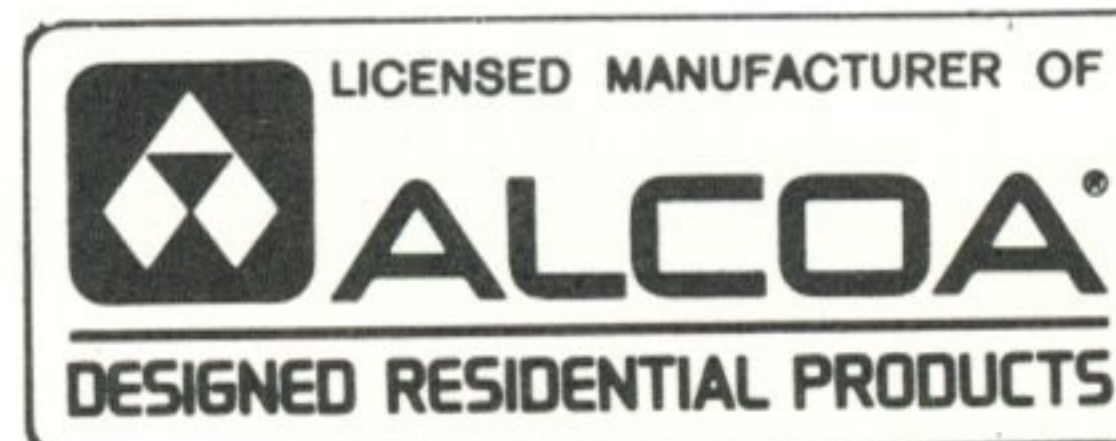
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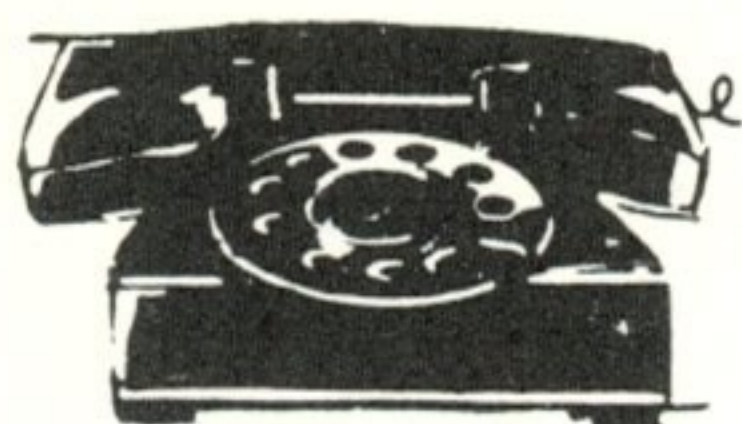
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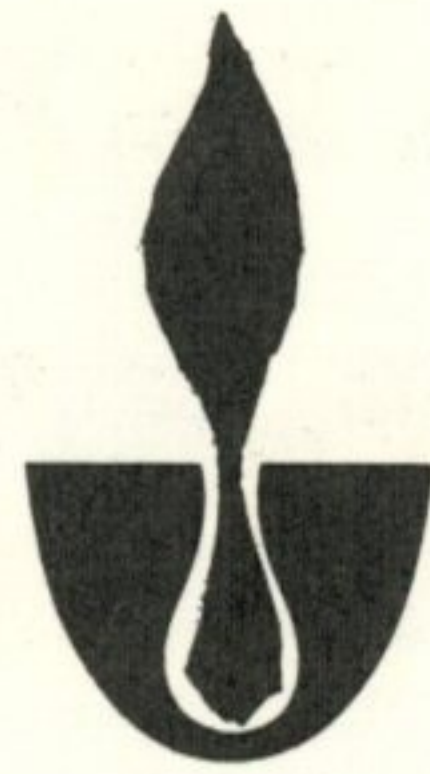
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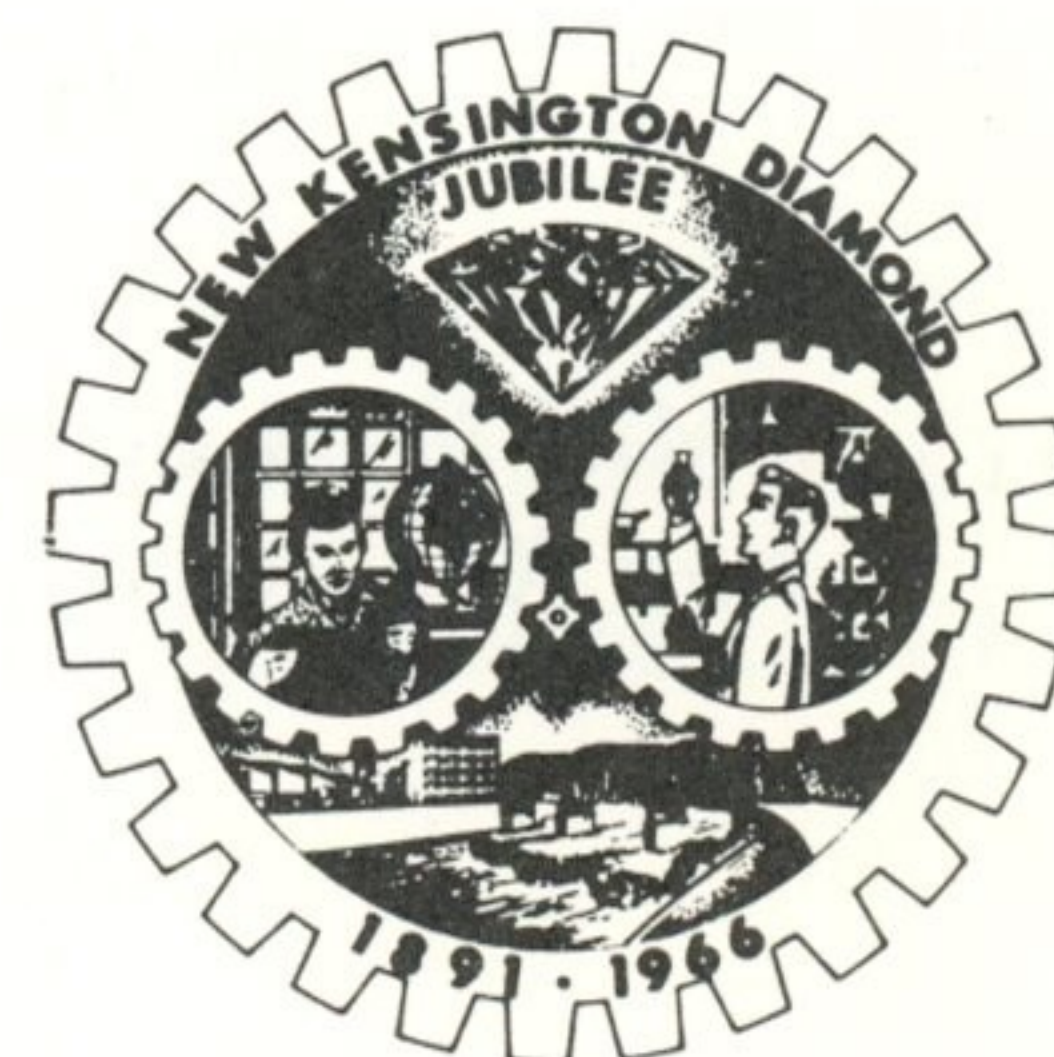
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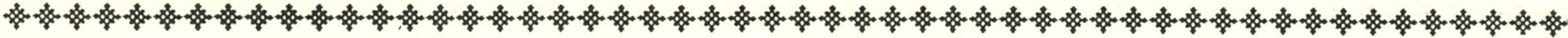
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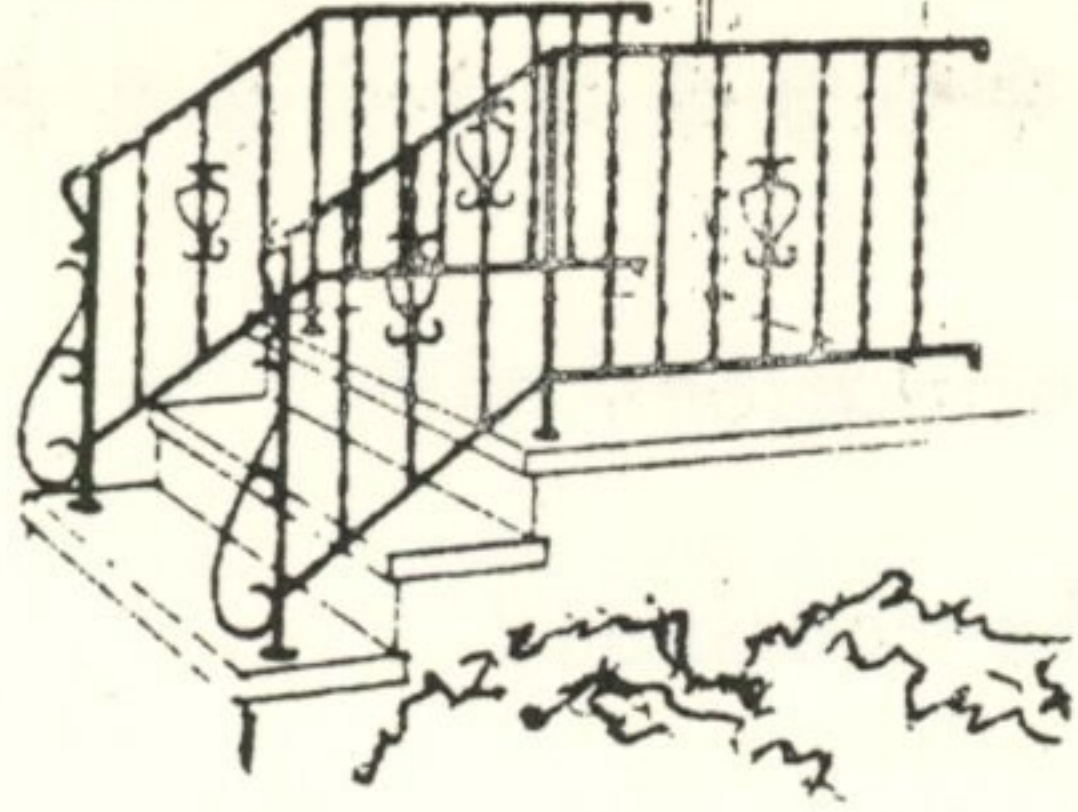
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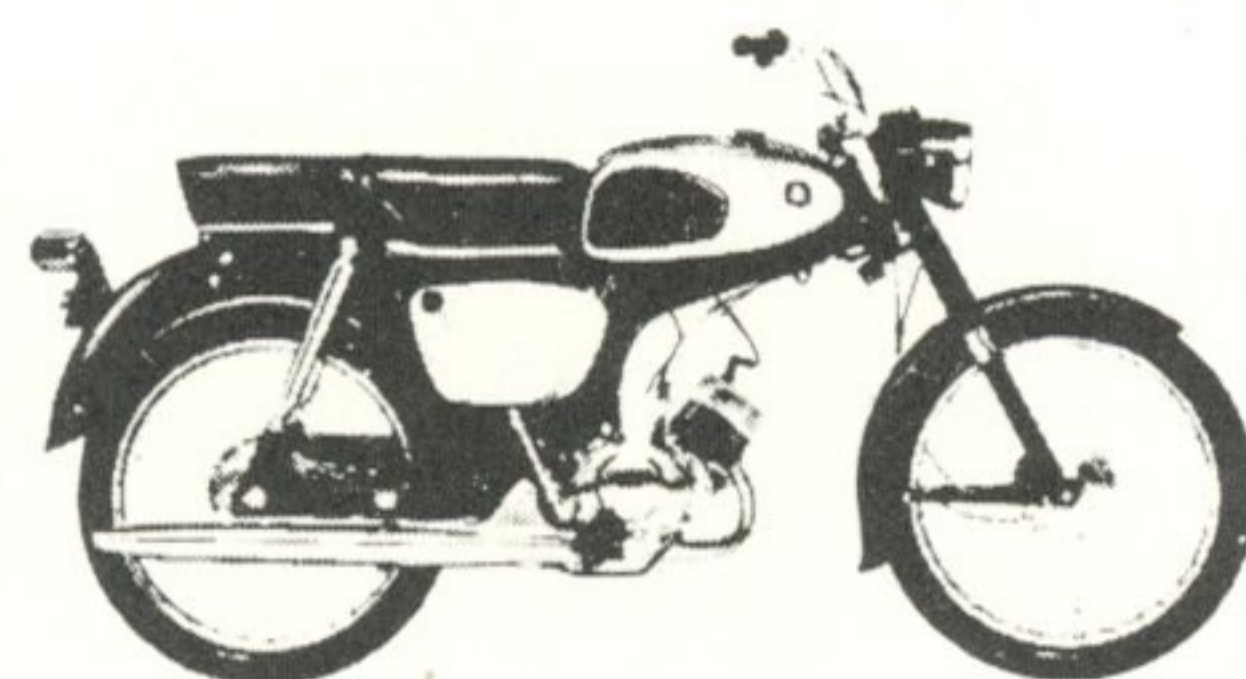
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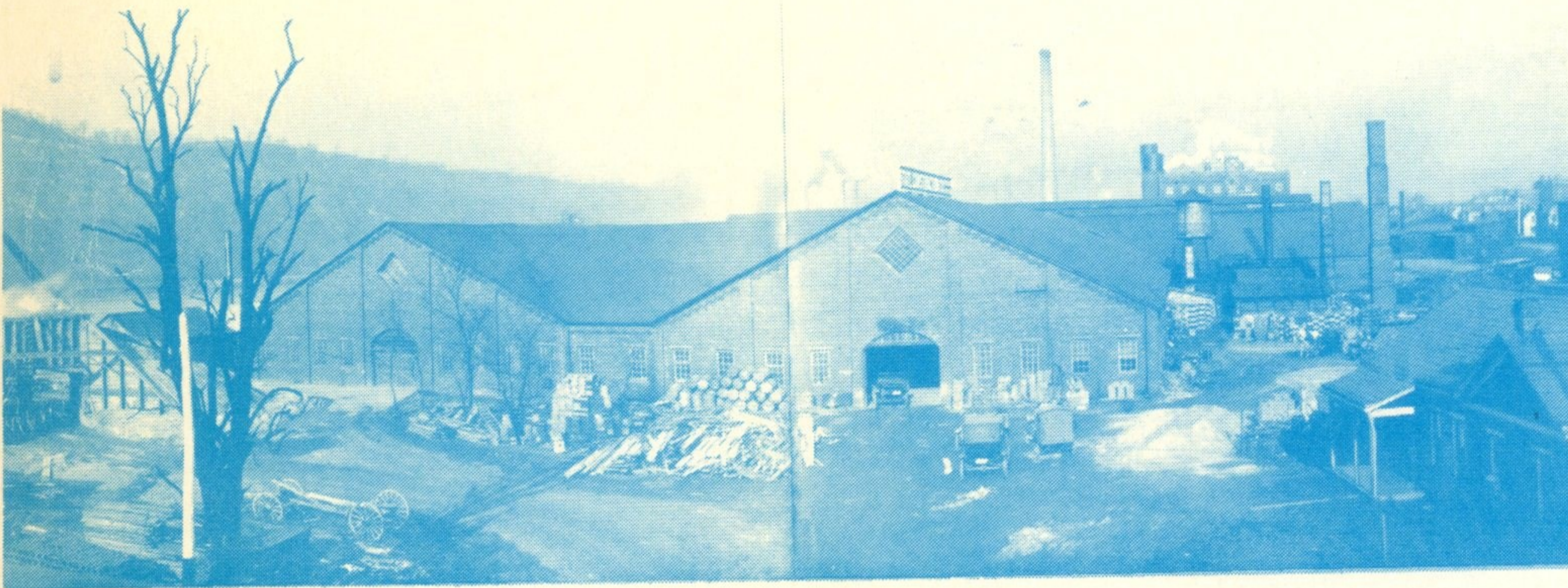
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#### DISTRICT 19

#### UNION LOCALS

302 – New Kensington	2465 – New Kensington
1084 – Braeburn	2984 – Brackenridge
1189 – Avonmore	3034 – Creighton
1196 – Brackenridge	3741 – New Kensington
1323 – New Kensington	3783 – New Kensington
1346 – Vandergrift	5948 – Creighton
1388 – Vandergrift	6247 – Vandergrift
2389 – Harmarville	6724 – New Kensington

#### OTHER UNION LOCALS

5 – Glass Cutters – Arnold  
 13 – Insurance Agents – New Kensington  
 17 – Glass & Ceramic Workers – Arnold  
 86 – Brewery, Flour, Soft Drink &  
 Distillery Workers – New Kensington  
 266 – Barbers – Allegheny Valley

333 – Carpenters – Allegheny Valley  
 444 – IATSE & Motion Picture Operators  
 – Allegheny Valley  
 220 – Utility Workers (Water) – New Kensington  
 238 – Municipal Workers – New Kensington,  
 Arnold, and Lower Burrell  
 452 – Typographical Workers – Allegheny Valley  
 228 – Plasters – New Kensington  
 549 – Amal. Clothing Workers – New Kensington  
 602 – Int. Union of Electrical Workers –  
 New Kensington  
 102B – Utility Workers (Electrical) – New Kensington  
 630 – American Federation of Musicians –  
 Allegheny Valley  
 845 – Bartenders, Hotel and Restaurant Workers –  
 Allegheny Valley  
 1108 – Painters and Paperhangers – Allegheny  
 Valley  
 1407 – Retail Clerks – Western Penna.  
 1914 – IBEW (Electrical) – Harmarville