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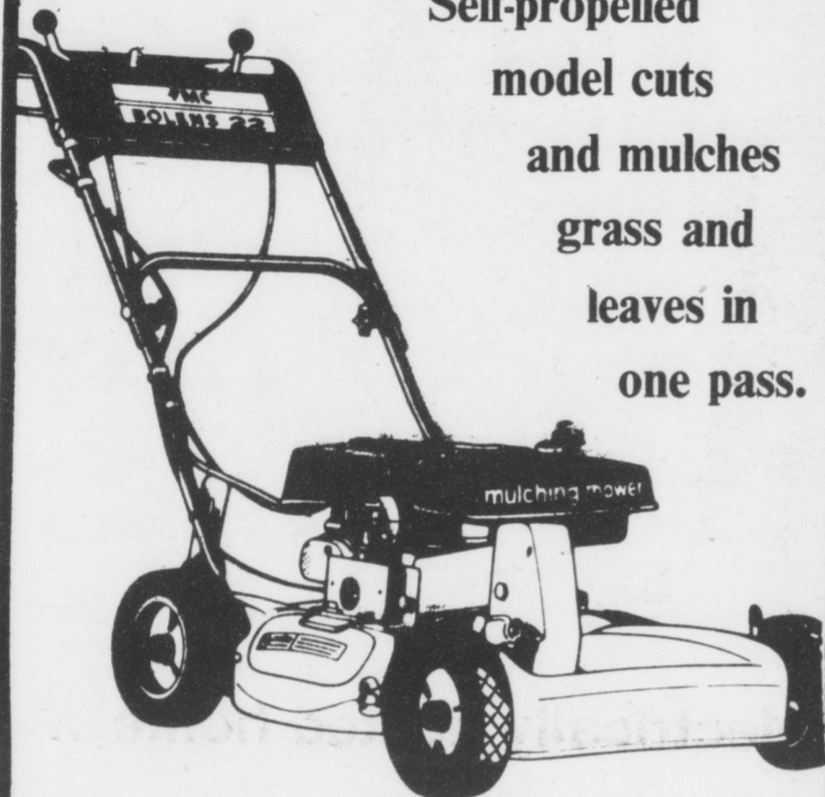
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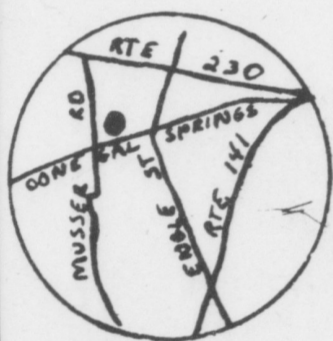
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Chief Kline not included in new police contract

Council wants discussions; Kline wants negotiations

Mount Joy Borough's 4 full-time police officers signed a 2-year contract with borough council at the September meeting.

The contract calls for a 9% increase this year and an 8% increase next year for two of the officers. The other two will get 11% this year and 10% next year. The contract also includes a 50% payment of insurance premiums for wives and children, with a 25% increase next year.

The police chief was not included in the contract.

According to Council President Charles Ricedorf, the council wishes to treat the chief as an administrator, on the same basis as the borough manager. Citing Act 111, Mr. Ricedorf states that the chief does not have the right to be included with the other officers in their contract.

Police Chief Bruce Kline reads the Act another way. He claims that he does have the right to negotiate, and will expect to do so.

Chief Kline has sent a letter to council requesting "binding arbitration."

Council did not read the letter publicly at the last meeting because, Mr. Ricedorf says, "We wanted a chance to look at it before we responded publicly."

The letter may have been intended to protect Mr. Kline's right to negotiate. If so, the fact that it was not read publicly should not reduce its effectiveness since council acknowledges receiving it.

Chief Kline was informed this summer that he would not be included in contract negotiations with the other policemen. (He was included last year.)

After he got the news, the chief tried vainly to discuss his salary and benefits with councilmen.

A mix-up at the borough office wiped out the first attempted meeting. Chief Kline was the only one who showed up, due to confused scheduling.

On Sept. 8, the chief finally managed to meet with some councilmen, who told him that his salary would be discussed in November, along with Borough Manager Joe Bateman's salary.

At that point, Kline says, "due to the total lack of willingness on the part of Borough Council to attempt a settlement or even talk" he decided to demand binding arbitration.

Mr. Ricedorf says that working on two contracts at one time would have been confusing. It also could have led to discussions between Chief Kline and his men about their contracts which, Mr. Ricedorf feels, might have led to friction and misunderstandings within the police department.

"Besides," Mr. Ricedorf says, "there should be plenty of time to discuss a contract with one individual and still be aware of the impact on the budget."

The ground rules which will cover the salary talks are still unclear. Mr. Ricedorf and the councilmen want "discussions." Chief Kline wants "negotiations."

Marietta Borough Council meets

Marietta Borough Council announced that it has received a grant of \$50,061 for a tree planting project in town at its regular monthly meeting last week.

The grant was provided by the Lancaster-Lebanon Manpower Consortium and most of it will be used for the labor needed to plant the trees. Five men will be hired.

The hiring will be done by a six-man planning committee consisting of: Ken Ross, councilman; Harold Kulman; Rev. Red; Jay Roberts; Harry Hartman and Bob Spangler. The committee has sent letters to service organizations asking them to invite residents to a planning meeting on October 3 in the Borough Council chambers at 7:30 p.m.

The needs and wants of the residents will be taken into consideration in planning for the future.

In other action Council renewed its lease with the Lancaster Community Ac-

tion program for one year for the local canning center which is scheduled to run throughout the year.

The Donegal Braves were granted permission to practice at Memorial Park from last Monday through November 12.

Council offered \$5,000 for a vacant lot on W. Front St. for an additional playground, contingent upon receiving state funding.

Council voted \$500 to repave the section of S. New Haven St. near the river's edge.

Residents with broken

Violators of broken sidewalks and curbs will be notified that they must fix them.

It was reported by Tom Lavin that five building permits have been issued, a total construction cost of over \$65,000.00. He said that the borough will require a certificate of use and occupancy after the building have been completed.

Open House

at Maytown Elementary School

An Open House will be held at the Maytown Elementary school on Monday, Sept. 20th.

Classrooms open at 7:00 PM. After the open house, the Parents/Teachers in Partnership will hold their

monthly meeting in the cafeteria. All parents are urged to attend. Refreshments and babysitting will be available.

The meeting is an opportunity to meet your children's teachers and help plan the coming year.

Vis-A-Lens to hold exhibit

Display of Linn Longenecker's oils, also novices' paintings

Linn Longenecker, the Mount Joy artist, inventor, and father of a Miss Lancaster County (Gloria, Miss L. of 1976), will hold a public art exhibit in the offices of his new Vis-A-Lens Company starting on September 22nd.

The exhibit will consist of over 100 original oil paintings by Linn Longenecker. His subjects are rural scenes, churches, schools, portraits, etc.

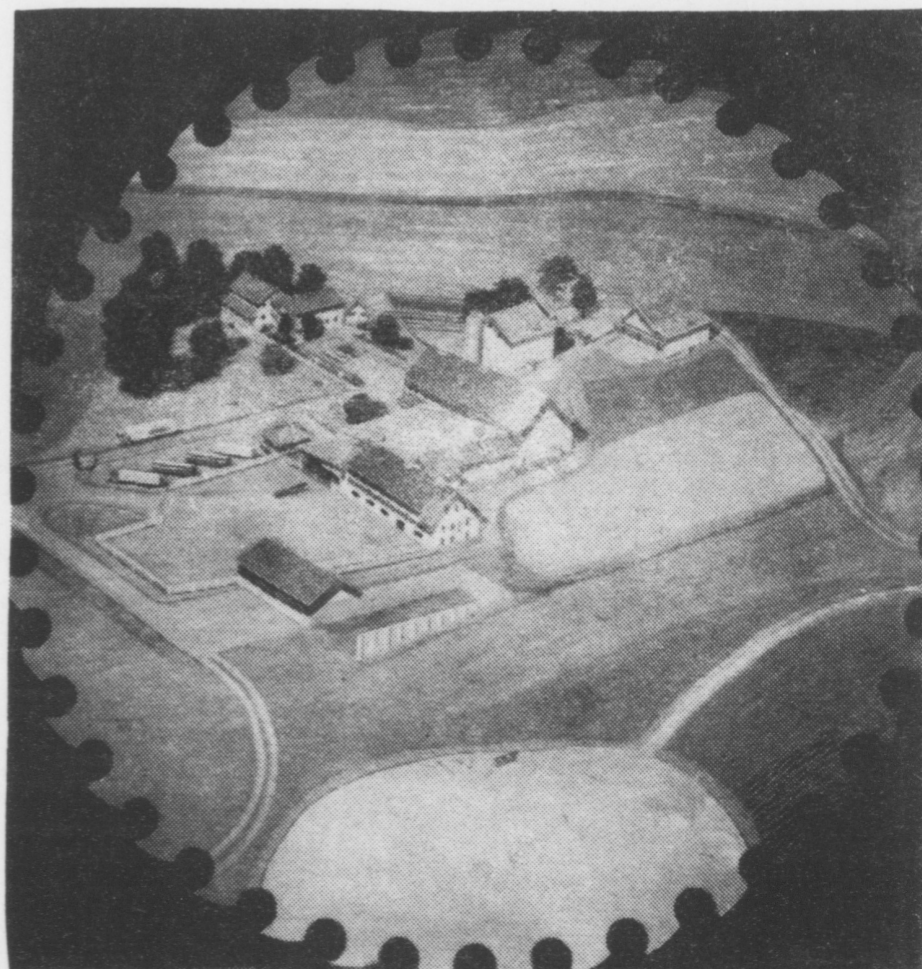
Linn Longenecker has painted over 1,100 oil works, many of them custom-ordered.

Also on display will be "Vis-A-Lens" paintings by both novices and experienced painters who started with Vis-A-Lens kits.

Entries for the two categories will be considered for acceptance until November 1st. Both sorts of entry will be eligible for cash prizes.

Various Vis-A-Lens products will be on display: crayon, oil, and watercolor painting sets, greeting cards using Linn's patented die-cutting system, calendars, and story books.

The location of the exhibit is 300B West Main Street, Mount Joy (the old Kinsey Archery building) on the 2nd floor. Hours are 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Wednesday and on Saturday, and 9:00 to 9:00 on Thursday and Friday.



A sample of Linn Longenecker's work

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