

## Old shoe factory may be converted into apartment house in Marietta

Marietta Borough Council heard a proposal last week for the conversion of the old Sylvania Shoe Factory into apartments. No immediate action was taken.

The councilmen listened to representatives of Historic Landmarks for Living, a Lancaster concern, outline their plans just prior to the regular monthly council meeting. Presenting the plan were Alvin B. Lewis, Jr., an attorney; David Lynch, architect for the proposed project; and Sherry Lewis.

Turning the old factory into 26 apartments would require a zoning variance, or a change in the zoning law enacted by the council.

Council president John Reuter appointed a committee to study the idea: Jay Roberts (who will be the chairman), Harold Kulman, Larry Gillham and Harold

Melroy. The committee will make a recommendation to council.

The factory, at East Walnut and Pine Streets, was built in 1897. Its Victorian design and historic value, the developers feel, would make it an ideal rental property. Lewis told the council that few of its kind are still standing.

Mr. Lynch showed the council sketches and plans of the nineteen 2- and 3-room apartments and seven 1-room apartments that would be installed. The exterior of the building would be unchanged, except for glass doors at the front. Parking for 56 cars would be provided on the property.

Each apartment would have a porch.

Council and residents of the factory area asked questions of the developers:

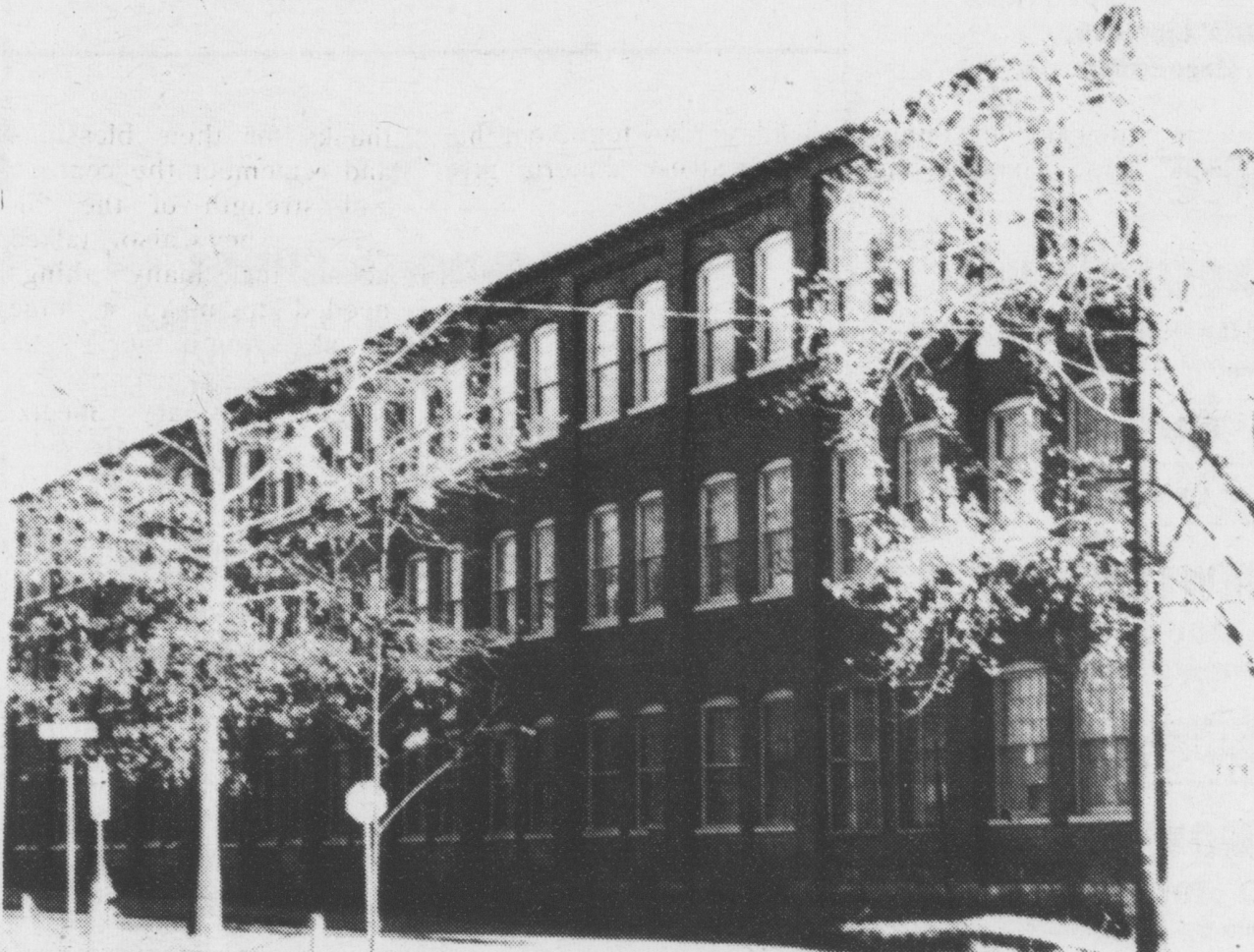
would the factory floors, which are soaked in oil, pass state inspection? would noise from the playground be objectionable? would excess traffic force the streets to be changed?

The representatives of Historic Landmarks for Living said that they have not yet checked with the state about the floors. They feel the location is an excellent one for apartments and assured the council that they would have no problem renting out the apartments.

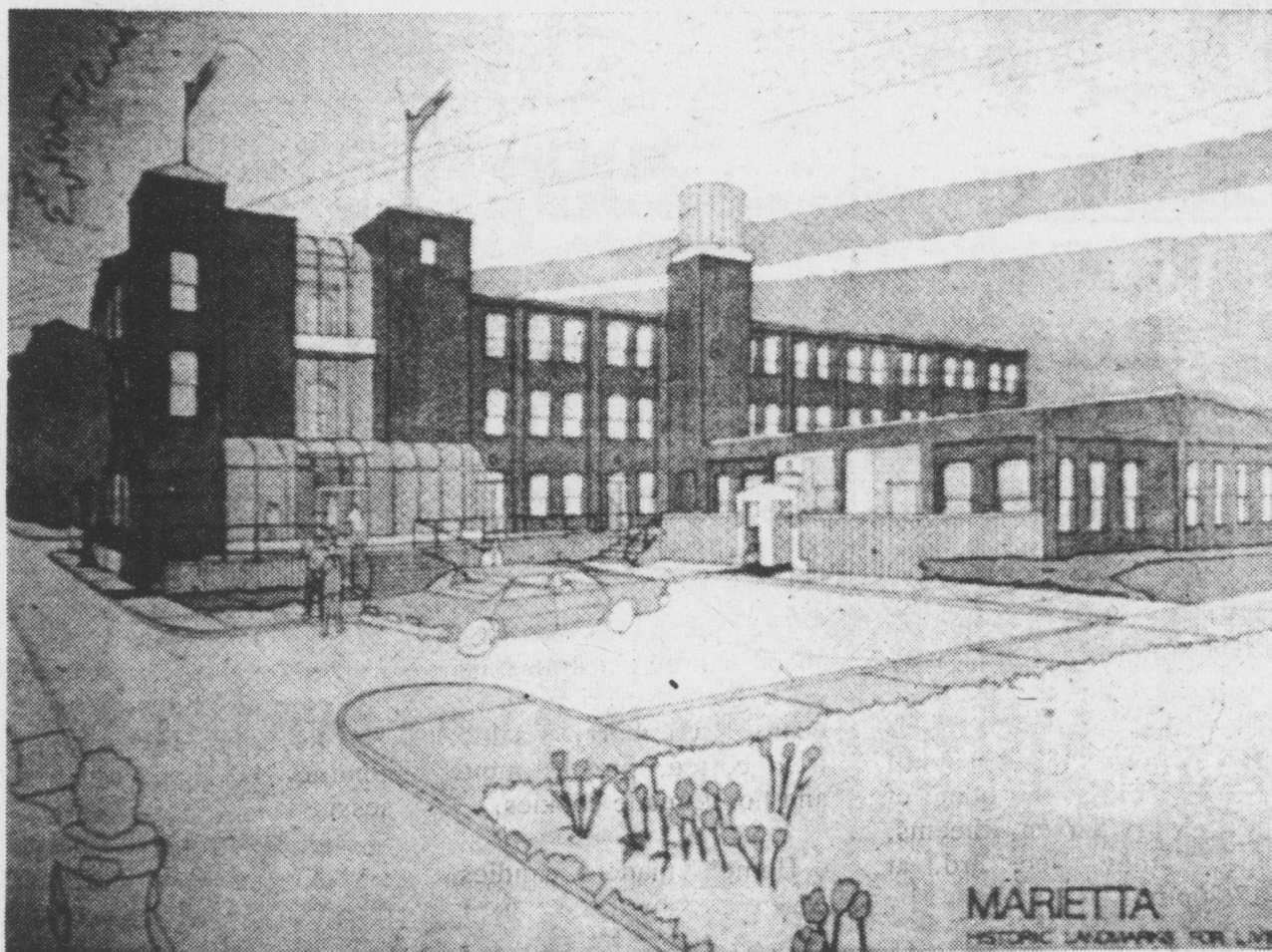
"People are nostalgic about old buildings," Lewis said. "The rental fees for these units would be the highest in the area."

He added that no federal or state money is involved in the proposal: only private investment.

Before any action is taken, a public hearing will be held.



The factory at E. Walnut and Pine Streets, Marietta, as it appears now



Artist's conception of the factory as it will appear after renovations



Deborah Zeisloft shows some of the pieces that will be hanging in "Gallery 31" beginning this Sunday.

## New art gallery in Marietta to sell pottery, decorations on W. Market

A new art gallery—"Gallery 31"—will open in Marietta on Sunday, Nov. 25th, at noon.

Gallery 31, located at 31 W. Market Street, will carry cards, window decorations, pottery and keepsake boxes.

The new gallery is owned by Wayne and Jackie Madsen, of the same address. They will display works of their own, as well as works of other local

artists: Cheryl and Tom Wise, Ike and Teri Hay, Sue Shank, and others.

(Tom Wise is an art professor at York Academy, and Cheryl Wise teaches art in the Donegal schools; Ike Hay teaches art at Millersville, and Teri Hay at Conestoga Valley; Sue Shank is a Marietta artist.)

Jackie Madsen, a native of New Cumberland, is a graduate of Kutztown State.

She formerly taught art in the Steelton schools. Wayne comes from New Jersey, and also attended Kutztown State College, as well as the York Academy. He is currently Artist-in-Residence at Millersville.

Hours at Gallery 31 will be: noon to 6:00pm Tuesday through Sunday; noon to 9:00pm Friday; and closed Monday.

## Dr. Harold Fellenbaum retires from school board after 12 years

Dr. Harold Fellenbaum attended his final School Board meeting as a board member this past Thursday evening. Dr. Fellenbaum, who chose not to run for re-election, served on the Board for the past twelve years.

Superintendent Hallgren, along with Board president Dale Arnold, expressed thanks and appreciation for Dr. Fellenbaum's service to the school district in the past, and they wished him the best in the future.

Ronald N. Melleby, who was elected to the board on November 6, will be inducted and begin his service on December 6. At this reorganization meeting the board will elect a president and vice-president for 1980, as well as representatives for the Lancaster County Vo-Tech Joint Committee and Wage

Tax Bureau. This is the only meeting scheduled for December.

In other business, the Extra Curricular committee, headed by Dr. Fellenbaum, congratulated the members of the Veteran's Day performances and the Senior play.

The members of the fall athletic teams were also congratulated. The total win-loss record for the fall was as follows: 41 wins, 64 losses and 7 ties. Walter Price commented later that the win-loss record is not so important. What is important is whether the student benefits from the athletic program or not.

It was reported that the total enrollment in the school may have reached a new low at 2,549 students.

In further business, the board accepted the bid of Baker & Taylor for element-

ary library books for Grandview and Seiler. Baker & Taylor was the low bidder. Bid specifications indicated that the greatest number of books would be purchased at discount and processing rates, to a maximum of \$1,500 per library.

It was brought to the board's attention that there is trouble with the new track at the high school. The Zemco Corporation was not able to finish work on the track because of a drainage problem. It was suggested that this problem was due to the extremely wet weather we experienced this fall.

It was suggested by the Zemco Corporation that the board have an engineer study the drainage problem. This would cost about \$850. President Arnold suggested [continued on page 15]