

September 1, 1959

RAZING BEGINS IN FIRST WARD

13 Buildings Doomed In Next 90 Days

The McKeesport Redevelopment Authority today launched its demolition program in the multi-million-dollar First Ward revamping project.

Razing work is being performed by the Ace Demolition Co., which has a 90-day contract with the Authority for the demolition of 13 structures in a portion of the redevelopment tract.

These structures are located in the area bounded by Walnut St., Lysle Blvd., the Boulevard Ramp, Water St. and Fourth Ave. The new Municipal Building, of course, is excluded from the demolition work.

Second Contract

City Council Friday is expected to award a demolition bid for the remaining 170 structures in the redevelopment tract north of Fourth Avenue.

U.S. Steel has tentatively offered to pay \$1,00,000 for that parcel for a proposed National Tube expansion program.

The steel firm last July agreed to pay the city \$78,000 to demolish structures involved in that major part of the First Ward program.

Needed Clear Title

But the company pointed out in its letter of intent to purchase the land that it would not begin demolition until it has a clear title to property.

Mayor Andrew J. Jakomas states that if the city does the demolition work, it will expedite the program and permit the Authority to transfer title to the prospective redeveloper at an earlier date.

The Ace Demolition Co. was awarded the razing contract for the Authority work on a bid of \$8,840. This was the lowest of six bids which ranged to a high of \$16,560.

Meanwhile, the McKeesport Housing Authority is pushing for a fall start on four new public housing structures in the Third and Eighth Wards.

Housing officials estimate that the four buildings will be completed in 18 months. A portion of the structures will be used to house families displaced in the First Ward.

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KICKOFF EVENT SLATED BY UF

Charity Drive Units Due Orientation

A United Fund orientation dinner, a kick-off for most UF divisions, will be held by the McKeesport fund-raising organization tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. in the Penn-McKee Hotel.

All of the local UF personnel are expected to attend this dinner meeting through which they will be introduced to the plans for the \$10 million county-wide drive.

The McKeesport Sub-Division of the Allegheny County charity fund drive will include Clairton this year under the leadership of Arch Lhorner, associate campaign chairman.

The local organization also includes a new public relations chairman to replace Carl McAninch. He is Bruce W. Shinabarger of the G. C. Murphy Co.

The county's fourth annual UF campaign, Oct. 4 through Nov. 5, will seek the largest goal in the fund's brief history.

It is asking the county's businesses, industries and residents to contribute \$10,222,983 for the work and services of more than 100 health, welfare and character-building agencies affiliated with the once-a-year drive.

Richard J. Helmstadter, chairman of the McKeesport area's 1959 campaign, will conduct tomorrow's orientation meeting.

Howard N. Hubbard and Mrs. John E. Shaffer are his associate co-chairmen. Russell P. Betler, 1958 campaign chairman, heads the advisory board for the 1959 drive as well as the major corporate gifts division.

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PORT VUE

Church Unit Forms New Bowling League

Mrs. Dorothy Stash was named president of the newly formed Ladies of St. Joseph's Church Bowling League at a meeting last night at the social hall. Other officers are Mrs. Joseph Pavlock, vice president; Mrs. Leona Borkowski, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Durkay, chairman of the flower fund and Mrs. Alvena Kobelnicky, publicity chairman.

The new league will bowl at the new American Slovak Hall in Port Vue when it is completed. Last night's session was called by Mrs. Arlene Clark.

September 2, 1959

BOWLING LEAGUES PLAN INITIAL EVENTS OF SEASON

Leaders Are Named, Team Members Assigned

Bowling leagues organized among the women of the community have named leaders for the new season and have scheduled initial sessions at various alleys in the district.

CDA Bowlers

First session of the new season for the bowling group of Court McKeesport 221, Catholic Daughters of America, has been scheduled for Sept. 8 at Clark's Alleys, starting at 9 p.m.

Gems League

The Gems Bowling League will resume bowling tomorrow at 6:45 p.m. at Clark's New Brunswick Bowling Alleys. Officers for the new year are Carrie Rosnick, president; Betty Miller, secretary; and Louise Waugh, treasurer.

Polish Republicans

Sept. 9 is the opening date of the new season for the Women's Polish Republican Bowling League. Roll-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Arcade Bowling Alleys. Officers are Mrs. Faye Mrzlok, president; Mrs. Theresa Zugal, treasurer; and Mrs. Eileen Peterson, secretary and reporter.

Merrymakers League

The Merrymakers Bowling League will resume bowling Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA. Mrs. Jean Chervenak is president; Mrs. Annette Petty, secretary and Mrs. Stella Tomko, treasurer.

September 3, 1959

SYRIA TEMPLE GROUP ANNOUNCES FISH FRY

McKeesport Caravan No. 4 of the Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., will hold a stag fish fry for its membership Friday, Sept. 11 at Renziehausen Park.

Arrangements for the outing are under the direction of Robert C. Smith, general chairman. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. A special program of entertainment also is planned.

Other fall activities planned by the Caravan include the Potentate's Party set for Oct. 10 at Youghiogheny Country Club; past president's night at Renzie Park, Nov. 6 and a stag party on Dec. 4 at Renzie Park.

September 7, 1959

GLASSPORT

Committees Named For Sunday Outing

Joseph T. Witkowski, general chairman, and Burgess James E. Thomas, co-chairman, today announced committees in charge of the annual corn roast sponsored by the Glassport Democratic Organization Sunday at Citizen's Hose Co. No. 1 Fire Hall on Allegheny Ave.

Members of the various committees are as follows:

Tickets - Miss Regina Witkowski, Mrs. Irene Kass and Mrs. Theresa Young; publicity - Nicholas G. Siudela, William James and T. Barrett McAuliffe; reception - Mr. Witkowski, Burgess Thomas, Stephen Marcus, Julius Slafka, Frank Rommel, Dr. Carl Masch, Alva G. Nowels, John P. Hester and H. I. Hoffman.

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Activities Topic As B'nai B'rith Board Has Meet

Fall activities of B'nai B'rith Women of McKeesport were discussed as Mrs. Harvey Wander conducted a board meeting last night at the Glassport home of Mrs. Milton Snyder.

Mrs. Adolph Samuel and Mrs. Joseph Zimmet are chairmen in charge of a rummage sale on Oct. 15. Mrs. Bernard Nalmark announced a dance to be sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women's Council for veterans at Leech Farm, noting that the local group will provide cookies.

Mrs. Harold Retting discussed plans for the annual donor luncheon on Nov. 15 at the New Arena, Pittsburgh. Afternoon membership meetings, in place of evening sessions, were considered by the board. Reports included a September dance.

October 3, 1959

Autumn Tea Slated By Civic Group

The McKeesport Civic Club will sponsor its annual Autumn Tea tomorrow from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Henry C. Williams Post 666, American Legion, on Walnut St.

Dr. Adolphus Anderson of Philadelphia, past state president of the I.B.P.O.E.W. and state commissioner of the V.F.W. will be the guest speaker. Local talent will be featured.

Mrs. Hattie Worthy is chairman of the affair and Keyo Long is president.

October 3, 1959

'LOCKOUT' ENDED, PICKETS REMOVED FROM TUBE PLANT

A two-day "lockout" at the National Works of U. S. Steel's National Tube Division ended today and prospects brightened for a payday next week as scheduled.

To leave no doubt about the lockout removal, pickets were withdrawn from the plant gates.

The action came on the decision of the United Steelworkers Local 1408 strike committee, according to union president Anthony Tomko.

But the matter of responsibility in the issue and the definition of "strike committee" still remained a moot question among the union men.

Met Last Night

Mr. Tomko said his 15-man strike committee met last night, ordered the end of the lockout, then lifted mill gate pickets this morning.

"Passes aren't needed to get inside the plant--they were just a formality anyhow. We're giving the company every opportunity to pay the men who are entitled to it," he said.

He added that the lone "road-block" is company refusal to pay those strikers "who worked a year for a vacation" but were not on the schedule for vacation when the strike began.

Since the outset of the vacation pay dispute, the company has maintained that only the men whose vacations were scheduled for the weeks following the opening of the strike are eligible for the pay.

October 5, 1959

CLUB TO HEAR PANEL GROUP

Sight Conservation Topic Scheduled

A broader picture of efforts to aid the blind will be presented to members of McKeesport Lions Club during a panel discussion tomorrow evening.

"Sight Conversation" will be the subject of the four-member panel. Charles R. Marsh, McKeesport Lions vice president, will be moderator.

Taking part will be Edward Gordon of the State Council for the Blind, Department of Welfare; Donald Patterson of the state Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation; Margaret Mollar of the Department of Public Assistance, and Marc Kincaid of the Salvation Army.

Presidents of neighboring Lions clubs and zone officials have been invited to sit in on the session which will begin with dinner at 6:30 in the Penn McKee Hotel.

October 6, 1959

BOWLING - Henning Has Series of 635

Eagle Construction swept three games from McKeesport Real Estate to tie Diehl's for first place last night in the Sportsmen's Bowling League at Eddie Webb's King Lanes. Diehl's won a pair from Lockhart.

Norm Henning was high man with a 245 - 635 series and F. Doric turned in a 252 -604.