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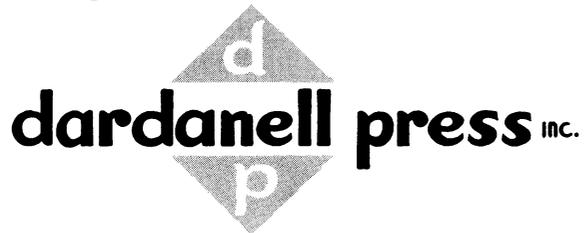
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1.

Bernard McLaughlin
(Mayor)

2.

Ethel Loy
(Tax Collector)

3.

Vincent Antonucci
Donald F. Cassidy
Alphonso Cova
Thomas J. Joyce
(Council)

4.

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Evelyn M. Fisher
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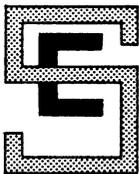
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BOROUGH GOVERNMENT



Official Family: (Left to right, seated) W. S. Reding, Solicitor; Mayor Richard E. Wise and Thomas E. Boyd. (Standing) Mrs. Jean Von Hoppe, Office Secretary; E. L. Symons, John G. Stephans, Anthony J. Brucker, Robert Freudenrich, Borough Manager; Daniel M. Poore, James V. Wilson, Frank V. Kovalovsky and Walter G. Winnenberg, Tax Collector. (Not shown) Russell E. Fox, Council President.

FOCUSING ATTENTION ON TOMORROW

The fiftieth anniversary is not only a good time to pause and applaud the accomplishments of the past but it is also a time to consider the opportunities of the future. While it is good to congratulate ourselves for our past, let us ask ourselves what needs yet to be done to make an even better future. To do this, we must be alert to changing conditions, and adjust our thinking to new trends in the needs of our community and its residents.

How can we best utilize the resources of our borough for the maximum benefit of all our citizens? There are strong pressures for a fuller utilization of our lands which is evidenced by an increasing rate of development of land in our borough. We have initiated a long range master plan for our borough and have made excellent strides toward the fulfillment of that plan. Much remains yet to be done. We can visualize the redevelopment of Ardmore Boulevard with

improved traffic flow and the center strip devoid of power lines and beautifully landscaped with shrubs, grass and trees. We can visualize modern apartments in our borough which will provide accommodations not only for young couples but also for retired persons. Thus persons will not have to move from the community to find suitable residences as their needs change.

We can visualize increased employment opportunities with expanded businesses in the area. We can visualize improved recreation for our residents. The development of our parks and facilities will permit a well-rounded program for all our citizens. We will need to continue a vigorous public works program to improve our streets and alleys. These projects, and others, will become realities if the citizens continue to maintain a deep sense of community pride and concern for borough affairs and good borough government.



Mayor Richard E. Wise



Council President Russell E. Fox

Russell E. Fox

RUSSELL E. FOX
President of Council

Richard E. Wise

RICHARD E. WISE
Mayor

AUDITORS' REPORT
OF
THE BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS
From Jan. 1st, 1920 to Jan. 1st, 1921

Borough Account

Total Taxes Deposited during 1920.....	\$11,415.08
Total Fines Deposited during 1920.....	146.40
Total Interest Deposited during 1920.....	34.47
Total Deposits - 1920.....	\$11,600.95
Warrants Cashed during 1920.....	\$ 9,863.00
Cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1921.....	1,737.95
Total.....	\$11,600.95

Receipts.

Taxes Deposited.....	\$11,415.08
Fines by Burgess.....	146.40
Fines by Justices of Peace.....	5.00
2% Int. Daily Balance.....	34.47
Total Deposited.....	\$11,600.95

Resources.

Taxes Deposited.....	\$11,415.08
Taxes Uncollected.....	2,367.08
Total Tax Duplicate.....	\$13,782.16
Valuation \$1,720,380.00 at .008	\$13,783.04
Summary Transfers & Exonerations	19.12
Total Resources.....	\$13,782.16

Expenditures

: Street Improvements.....	\$5569.46
: Police Salaries & Exp.....	1233.44
: Street Lighting.....	800.00
: Tax Collector's Com. & Exp.	508.40
: Secretary's Salary.....	200.00
: Solicitor's Salary.....	325.00
: Printing & Stationery.....	373.28
: Board of Health.....	204.72
: Engineering.....	134.50
: Interest of Loans.....	13.87
: Attending Borough Conven..	156.25
: Miscellaneous Expenses....	165.78
: Total Expenses.....	\$9665.50
: Less Uncashed Warrant.....	2.50
: Total Warrants Cashed.....	\$9863.00

Respectfully Submitted by

AUDITORS

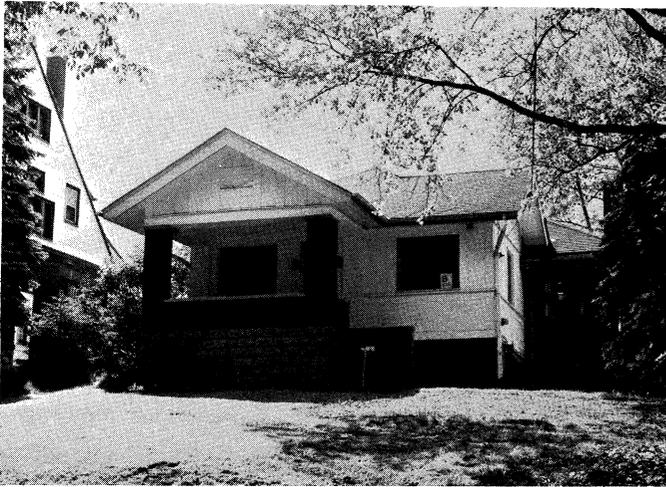
D. S. Aungst
H. E. Waltz

The first audit of Forest Hills Borough—The little village didn't have many facilities or advantages the first year but the prices and taxes were right. The Budget for 1969 is \$541,095.

Courtesy of Walter Winnenberg

FOREST HILLS BIRTH PLACE: First Council Meeting

In the early 1900's the Freehold Real Estate had built their main office for the development of our area at 6 Bevington Road (just off the Ardmore Boulevard at that intersection.) It was a tiny two room bungalow but with the same porch and gable that is shown in this picture taken in 1969. In the intervening years, it has been made into a large residence with three additions to the original bungalow. Some of the former owners were Janet and Robert Newton and the Joe Christ's. The present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Truschel, Jr. This was the scene of early "happenings" in the village, since it was here the dissatisfied residents, particularly from the upper ends of the Borough, met to plan their secession from Wilkins and Braddock Townships. And after we were incorporated into a Borough in 1919, the first official Council Meeting was held on January 5, 1920.



1920 On January 5, 1920, the first New Council met at the Freehold Real Estate Company's Office in Edgewood Acres. All were sworn in by Burgess John France. The members of the new council were:

Edgar R. RayEdgewood Acres
W. SimpsonArdmore
John J. KennedyWoodland Hills
Albert L. KochArdmore
Elmer L. StewartRockwood
J. W. BrownBryn Mawr Farms
A. C. StreamerEdgewood Acres

ADMINISTRATION

Tenure of Councilmen with Longest Records of Service:

39	Albert Koch
26	M. G. Thompson
22	James A. Kennedy
14	John A. Franklin
13	John J. Kennedy
12	Charles Brant
12	John J. Johnescu
12	Edward Lamberger
11	Leslie R. Allison
11	Edward Symons
10	Thomas Boyd

BOROUGH OFFICERS

Burgess and Mayor:

John France	1920 – 1930
Lee A. Wiser	1930 – 1937
Richard Wise	1938 – 1965 (Mayor 1961)
Richard Wise	1966 –

Secretary:

H. E. Haldeman	1920
John H. Reed	1920 – 1921
H. E. Haldeman	1922 – 1923
A. L. Harvey	1923
E. S. Smull	1924 – 1940
Frank V. Kovalovsky	1940 – 1959
Robert T. Windhorst	1959 – 1965
Edward Dorsner	1966 – 1967

Borough Manager – Secretary:

Robert Freudenrich	1967 –
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Solicitors:

John D. Meyer	1920 – 1927
Norman A. Allen	1928 – 1958
Warren S. Reding	1955 –

Engineer:

J. B. Frease	1920 – 1930
Alex Hutchinson and Son	1930 –

Treasurer:

C. Miller	1922 – 1951
R. V. Wissinger	1952 – 1957
G. W. Hinkel	1958 – 1959
Frank V. Kovalovsky	1960 –

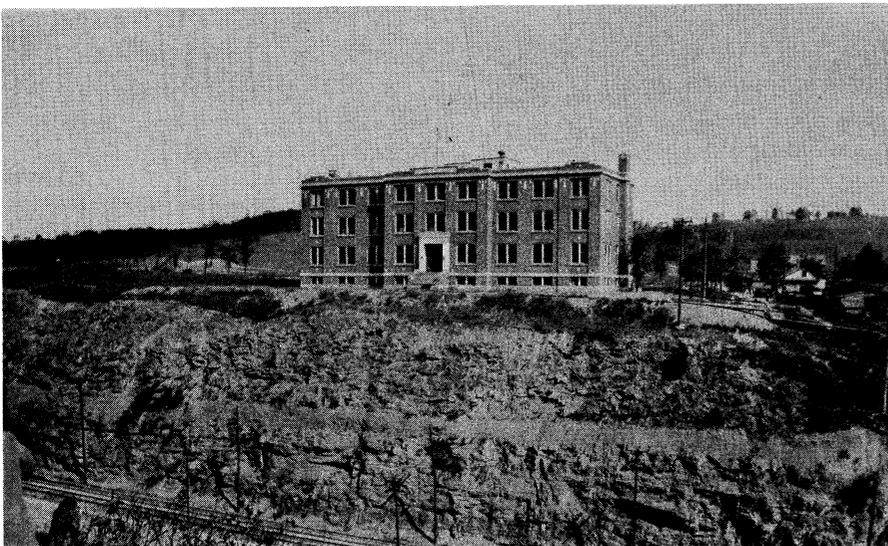
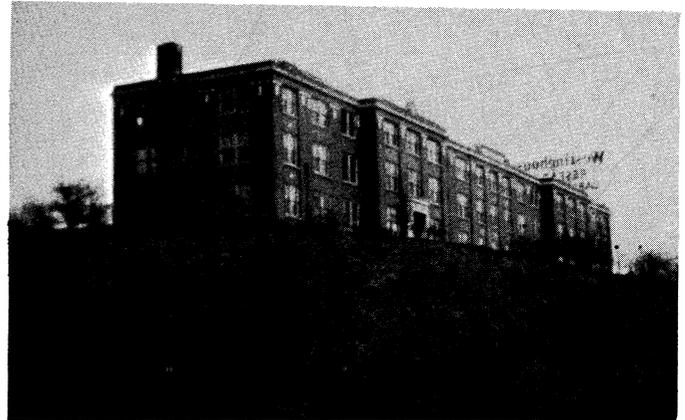
FOREST HILLS COUNCIL MEMBERS 1920 – 1969

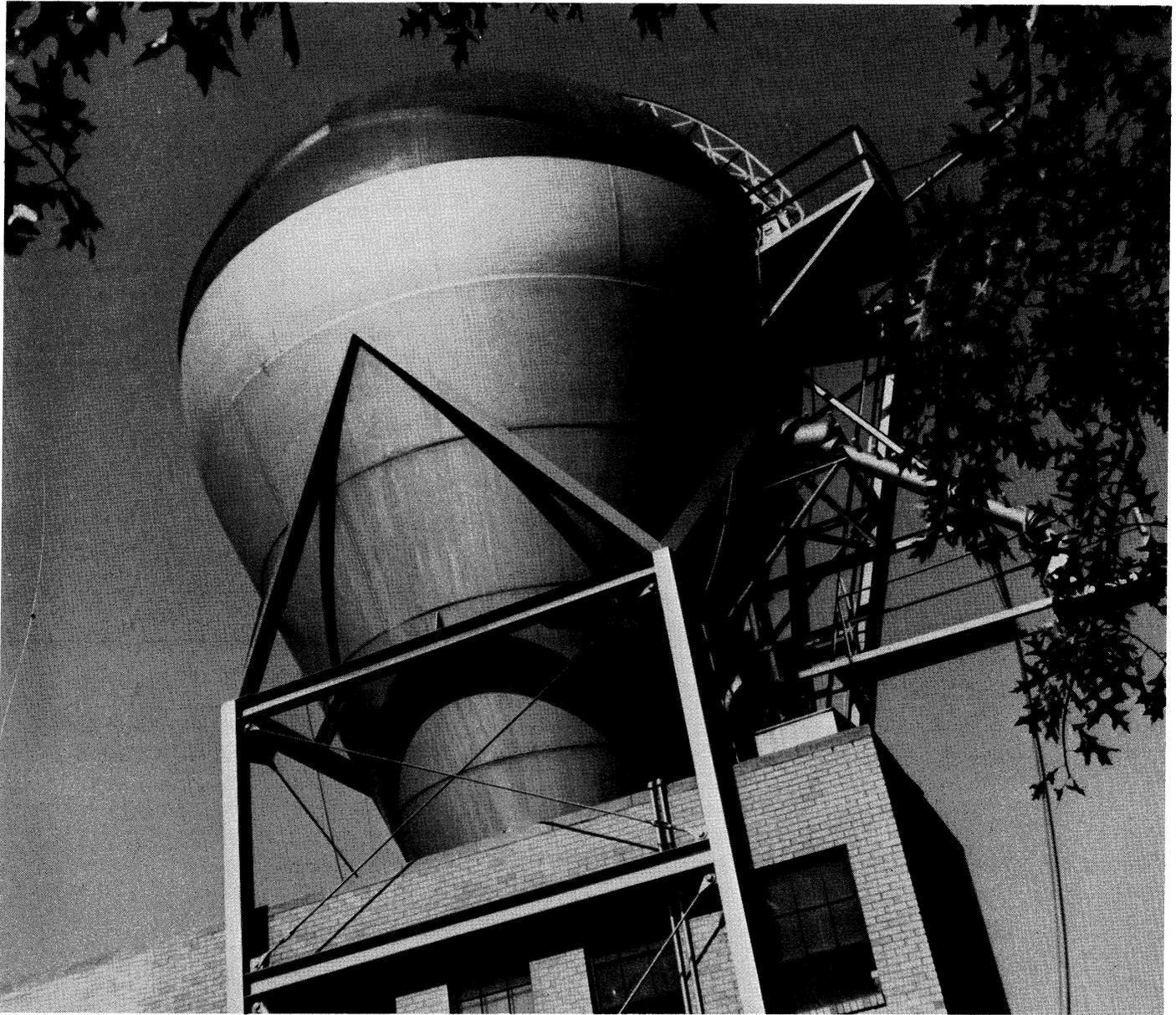
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| *Edgar R. Ray | J. A. McDowell | J. H. Allison |
| W. Simpson | *M. G. Thompson | W. W. Dietrich |
| John J. Kennedy | R. N. Critchlow | John J. Johnescu |
| Albert L. Koch | Wm. F. Campbell | Joseph D. Findley |
| Elmer L. Stewart | F. E. Cyphers | Edward H. Lamberger |
| William Hamilton (Replaced Simpson) | S. E. Burkhardt | A. L. Graham |
| J. W. Brown | H. C. Clemmer | Robert T. Windhorst |
| *A. C. Streamer | *F. L. P. Kelley | John A. Franklin |
| John H. Reed | *Floyd J. Titler | Vernon D. Dodez |
| J. V. Dobson | E. F. Lowry | John W. Schaffer |
| Mr. Wynne | H. L. Wilcox | Edward L. Symons |
| *O. P. Hipple | R. Aldridge | Thomas E. Boyd |
| J. P. Gilson | Merl G. Seybert | Thomas L. Passant |
| H. H. Elliott | Charles R. Neff | *Alexander R. Duncan |
| Landsperger replaced by | W. W. Keyser | *Russell Fox |
| R. L. Witter | *Fred Hastings | William Biedenbach |
| *H. R. Kirk | Leslie R. Allison | Daniel M. Poore |
| O. H. Morgan | Paul P. Smith | John G. Stephans |
| H. H. Hartness | Charles Brant | Anthony J. Brucker |
| Joseph N. Sample | R. W. Monroe | James V. Wilson |
| *L. A. Wiser | *J. A. Kennedy | *Held office as President of Council |

1915 Early pictures of old Westinghouse Research before and after an addition was built. (Before Atom Smasher days)

At this historic location passed a parade of so many great scientists, inventions and significant "happenings" that a separate history book would be necessary to cover the subject. We salute the many great personalities who lived and worked here.

OUR "WORLD'S FIRST"THE ATOM SMASHER (1937-38) must top the list!!





"FIRST IN ATOMIC POWER"

Just as true today as it was one year after the Borough of Forest Hills was incorporated, Westinghouse proudly wears the label of a world leader in atomic power.

In 1920, a Westinghouse employe, Dr. Harvey C. Rentschler, successfully refined uranium. As early as 1936, Westinghouse announced it would "...install equipment and start work on a project of disintegrating the atom, hoping to solve much of the mystery surrounding the structure of matter."

The world's first industrial atom smasher, pictured above, was built and placed in operation by Westinghouse at their Forest Hills site in 1938. The pear-shaped shell, although no longer in use, stands today as a landmark of man's victory over the atom. This instrument provided knowledge in nuclear physics at a time when such knowledge was sketchy and yet extremely necessary to the accomplishment of nuclear fission on a practical scale.

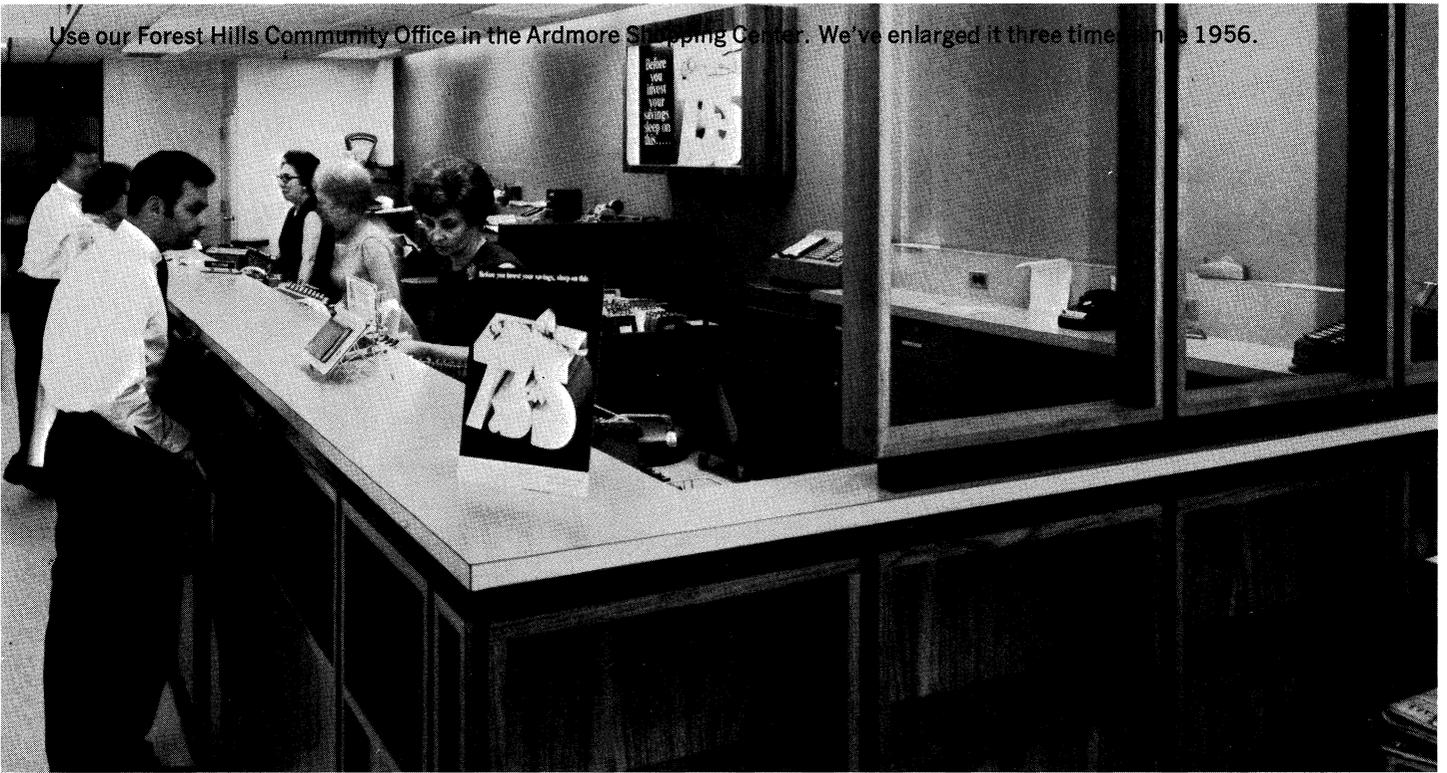
If Pittsburgh today may be justifiably called the "Atomic Capitol of the World," it is due largely to the pioneering work done by Westinghouse at the Forest Hills site.

From a dream in the mid-thirties, Westinghouse has invested millions of dollars in the development of commercial atomic power. Today, this portion of the company's business provides jobs for many thousands of people throughout this Nation, indeed, throughout the World.

Westinghouse proudly salutes the Borough of Forest Hills on their fiftieth anniversary. May the next five decades be as progressive, as productive and as successful as the last five.

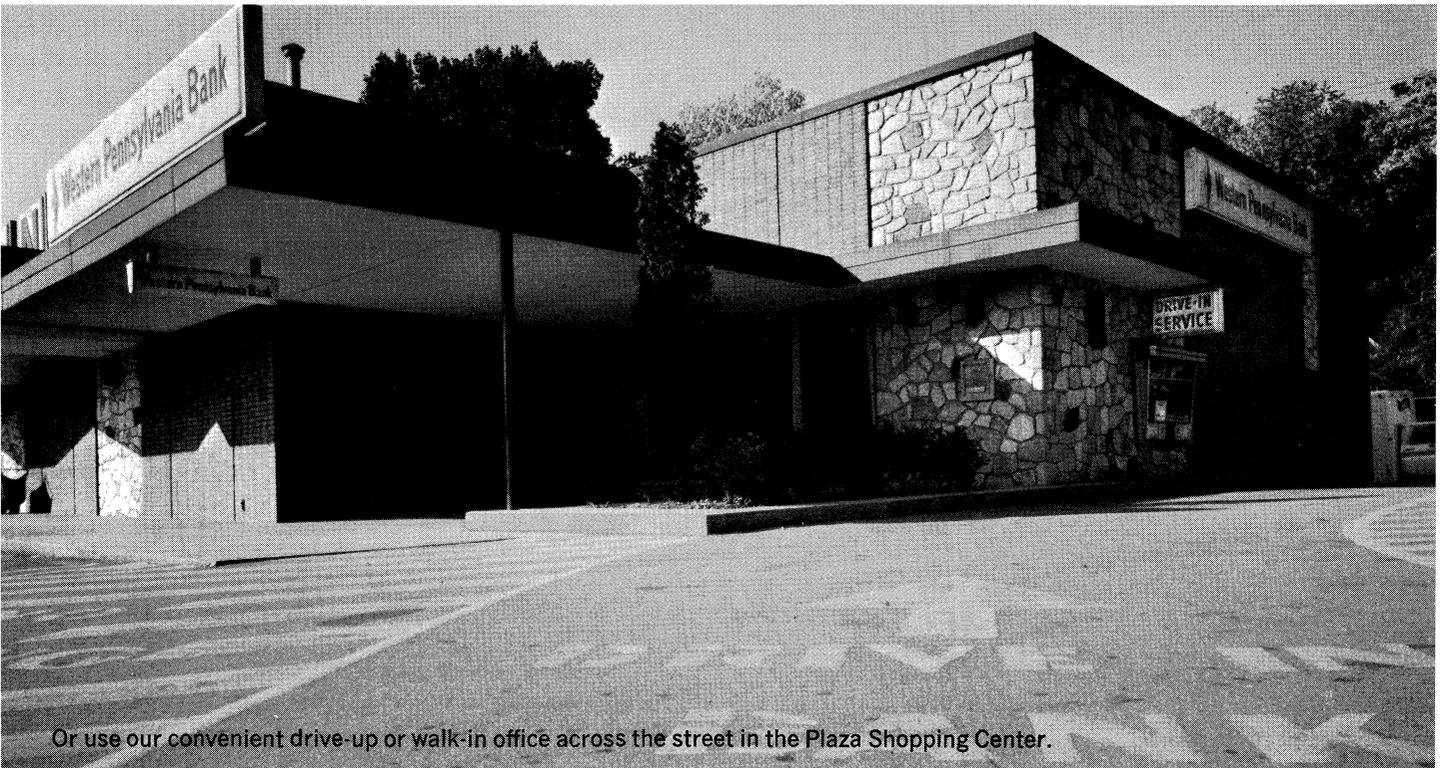


Use our Forest Hills Community Office in the Ardmore Shopping Center. We've enlarged it three times since 1956.



congratulations, Forest Hills

And thank you for helping us to flourish in your friendly shade. We look forward to being of service to you for many years ahead.



Or use our convenient drive-up or walk-in office across the street in the Plaza Shopping Center.

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FOREST HILLS BOROUGH FOUNDED 1919

This view of the Bryn Mawr entrance to Forest Hills shows one of the old entrance name plates on Lincoln Highway. Forest Hills was so named because of its similarity to Forest Hills, Long Island, New York. Strangely enough, history doesn't say just who was responsible for the naming nor are the residents today certain as to why we were considered so similar to that New York community which actually doesn't have hills!



THE ELMS

A Joy to residents and commuters alike are the beautiful elm trees that line our Ardmore Boulevard!! Like many precious commodities and assets our Borough enjoys today, these did not just happen. Mr. T. A. McDowell of Bryn Mawr served on an early council of the Borough and was influential in getting Westinghouse to buy some 200 trees to help beautify the village.

OUR POPULATION EXPLOSION

1920	1500	300% increase
1930	4549	
1934	5116	
1950	6301	
1960	8796	
1965	9923*	

Projected future population between 12,000 and 13,000.

*5060 adult homeowners with 2862 children
1643 renters with 358 children

OUR FABULOUS VANISHING LIBRARY

1925 The library was started by the Crescent Hills Club in a room of the Westinghouse Community Building and named the "Westinghouse Community Library." The work was directed by a trained librarian, assisted by a committee of members of the Club, who volunteered their services. Financial support was provided solely by the Club.

1931 After five years, the Library had grown so large that the Club felt it could no longer maintain it as one of its activities. Borough Council was contacted, with the result that the Library was given to the Borough for a public library in the spring of 1931. The number of books loaned jumped from 7,000 in 1930 to over 14,000 in 1931, and jumped again in 1932 to 24,000, and in 1933 to almost 25,000.

1934 Because of lack of space by Westinghouse, it was necessary to move the Library from its original quarters (in the Research Cafeteria, given free of charge,) to the Municipal Building. The small room (which has been serving in recent years as the police and fire desk for the Borough,) was so tiny that the books were jammed together, stacked almost to the ceiling, and piled on the floor. An aisle was just wide enough for passing. Books were returned through the tax collector's window to save space inside; there was room for one desk only – which served as Loan Desk, typewriter desk, and work table. Gifts of books were being received constantly, but several large collections which were offered could not be accepted because of limited space. And yet the lending of books went merrily on, despite the crying need for new and larger quarters.

1939 Council moved the public library to 2206 Ardmore Boulevard on the second floor over the bowling allies. In later years, the library had moved to 2203 Ardmore Boulevard (which was the Bissell Store even before the beginning of the Borough.)

This remarkable library was finally doing business at the rate of 14,000 book-loans annually. The public library board in the early 1940's consisted of 11 members with two appointed by Council; one by the school board; and seven members by the Burgess from the various Borough districts and the Librarian.

When Mrs. Allen Stewart, the librarian, resigned in 1939, she was replaced by Mrs. J. K. Hargraves who assumed the position until 1944.

Eventually the library suffered from lack of funds from the Council and some lack of interest from the citizens.

1949 The books were stored for almost two years in the Woodside Road School, but in 1949 there was no longer extra space available from the school board. The library board did not receive enough support to have a library tax put on the ballot, and more storage facilities were found.

1954 The last library's partial quarters was in the Forest Hills Woman's Club House – when it looked as though the old "girl" was at long last being revived – but somehow this fine institution disappeared from the face of the earth!!

THE WESTINGHOUSE PLAN

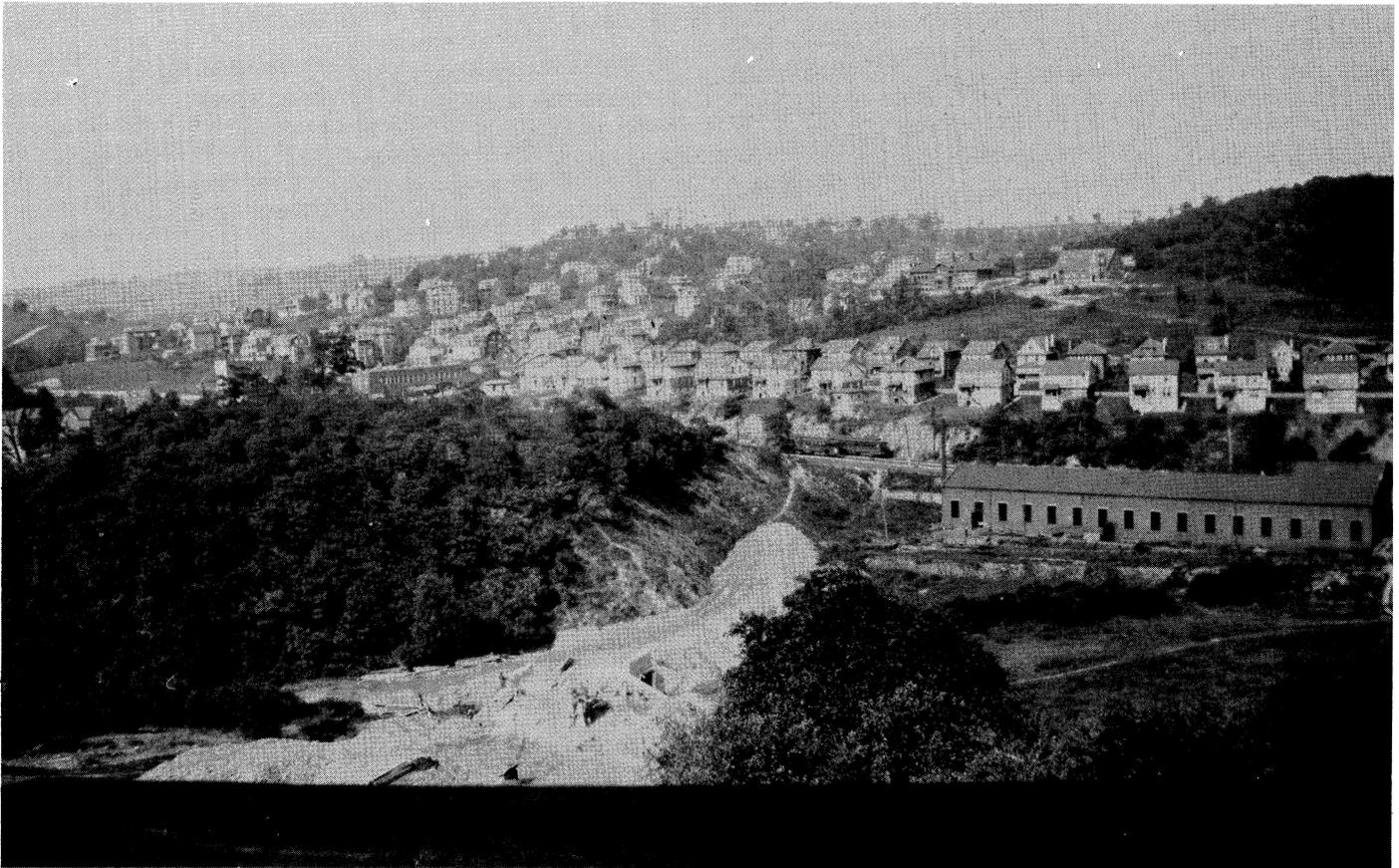
In 1919 the WESTINGHOUSE PLAN was developed and the first homes were completed and ready for occupancy in the later part of that year.

The Westinghouse Electric Corporation through a subsidiary—Interborough Improvement Company—developed the Westinghouse Plan.

Homes were erected for sale to their employees at, or near, cost with the provision that if the employee remained with the company for a continuous period of five (5) years, a reduction

of 10% was made in the cost. While the first homes were ready for occupancy in the latter part of the year 1919, the rest of the plan was completed over four years.

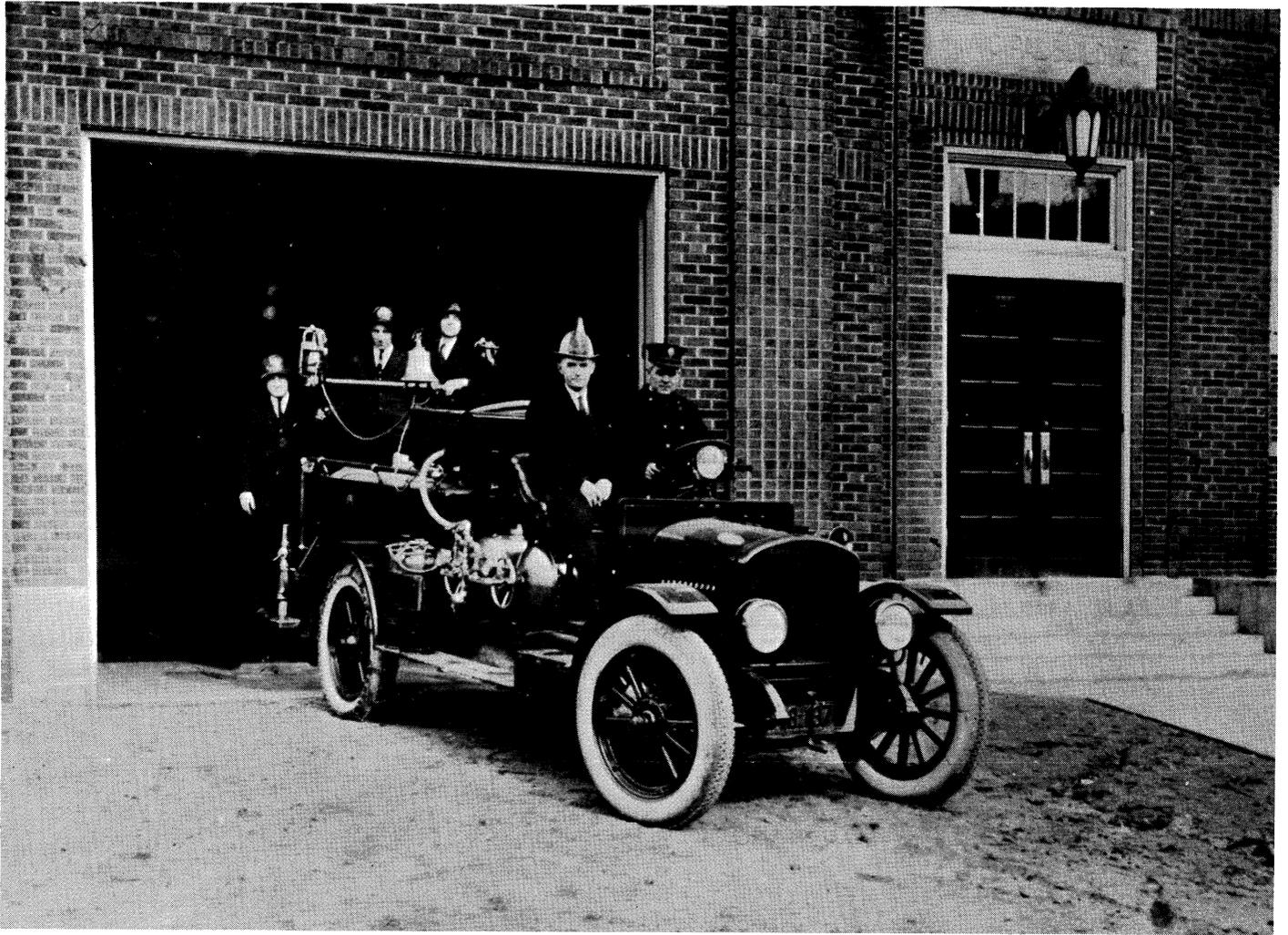
The acting head of the Interborough Improvement Company was Mr. T. P. Gaylord and *Mr. O. P. Hipple* was in direct charge of construction. Mr. Hipple was a resident of the Edgewood Acres section of Forest Hills Borough and later became a member of the Forest Hills Borough Council and Forest Hills Rotary Club. Mr. Hipple later left a Christmas charity trust of \$10,000 to Rotary.



MEANINGFUL HAPPENINGS IN THE 20'S AND TODAY

Construction of Yost Boulevard after Westinghouse Plan was started — Yost Boulevard in early history was only a private lane (upper part) for rich Mr. Sole's access to Brinton Road. In foreground is the old *car barn*, now a roller rink. (1907)

After Yost Boulevard was built and the large wooded hump on the *left* was removed, came the *Ardmore Shopping Center* in its place. Most recently Forest Hills acquired the second shopping center, *Forest Hills Plaza* — now on the right side of Yost Boulevard.



OUR FIRST FIRE TRUCK — Pride of Forest Hills in the early 20's

Shown in the picture at the helm of the truck is, of course, our first Fire Chief, Cliff Davies, and seated beside him one of the First Councilmen, Mr. E. L. Stewart. The fire truck is shown at the entrance of the Fire Hall and Municipal Building when completed in 1922.

1918 — OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Forest Hills began its humble fire-fighting department with a hand-drawn hose cart just about 50 years ago. Actually, men like Joe Gera, Harold Kirk, Al Bartlett and John Franklin started this little organization in the Westinghouse plan area. Shortly thereafter, the Borough incorporated and the Westinghouse plan petitioned to become part of the Borough. We now had acquired Fire Chief Davies and our first fire truck. The fire departments merged to combine their efforts in 1919.

1920 — THE FIRST REAL FIRE TRUCK WAS REPORTEDLY A *LA FRANCE* AND CUSTOMIZED IN NORTH BRADDOCK.

Since we didn't have a Municipal Building and/or Fire Hall until 1922, the first *fire engine* was small enough to be housed in the Winnenberg garage. *Walter* says he had the job of polishing it and that he should get reparations today in lieu of the Borough's free rent and his labor.

1935 — FOREST HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARTERED

Officers:

Walter Keyser	President
Harold Kirk	Vice-President
Joe Gera	Secretary
Albert Korhnak	Treasurer

Board of Directors

George Heuer	Frank Schrimser
Harry Nelso	L. M. Goodman
	G. A. Williams

OUR FIRE EQUIPMENT

1939 International Truck. It was a 450 gallon pumper, now used only as a light plant to aid at fires.



1939 International Fire Truck

1949 In February, 1949, our new *Mack Fire Truck* (750 gallon pumper) was delivered and dazzled the community. Later it had won 10 first prizes out of its first 12 parades as the best appearing truck.

1960 "GM" Emergency Squad Fire Truck costing about \$7500 is an all-white truck equipped with quickly available fire fighting equipment for small fires. It is also used to promptly transport firemen who necessarily arrive at the fire station after the fire truck has left for a fire.



1960 GM Emergency Squad Truck.

1967 Ward La France 1000 gallon pumper \$30,000 including some new equipment.



WERE YOU THERE at the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department Banquet on January 12, 1942?



TIME CAPSULE

CAPTAIN RAY HELLER and associates join Junior Firemen in their approval of the beautiful time capsule to be buried at the height of festivities during the Golden Jubilee.

Over the years our Volunteer Fire Department consistently sought young men to serve, as well as *funds* for operating. In recent years the organization's goal has been new and bigger quarters for our modern fire fighting equipment. At some times VFD had controversial plans to that of the Borough Council, but complete harmony prevailed in February, 1969.

It was a proud moment when members of VFD presented Forest Hills Council President, Russell E. Fox, and Mayor

Richard Wise, with a \$20,000 check for their donation towards the newly constructed *Firetruck garage and hall*. The borough fathers in turn gave a lifetime lease to the Volunteer Fire Department for their social quarters.

The Volunteer Fire Department has a total membership of more than 70 citizens who volunteer to perform this important service to our community.

1919 OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Forest Hills Borough started in the beginning with just one policeman and Police Chief, "Moody" Champ, who operated in the little 2 room wooden police station in Ardmore. Here, also, our first Burgess—John France—held court. We have gone a long way and today have ten policemen and four desk-men. The police department is augmented further with a force of 26 auxiliary police, modern police cruisers and a communications department.

Forest Hills is the center base and the communications network today serving Forest Hills Borough, Wilkins Township, and Churchill Borough. This security link now gives us a common radio system for mutual emergency aid. We also have lady police in the borough today.

With the complexities of modern society, Forest Hills police deserve much credit for their cool handling of crime and a multitude of law enforcement problems. Many of us tend to forget that in addition to regular police duties, our Borough has a major traffic hazard exposure to contend with. Our Route 30 (Ardmore Boulevard) has been a state and national highway for many years, and creates a patrolling menace.

1969 POLICE DEPARTMENT

OUR FINEST

Chief Harry Richard

Lt. Robert Kim
Lt. Domenic Brusco

Kline Fulton
Charles Wood
Andrew Gass
Milan Bobick

William Homze
Paul Coffman
William Havas

Deskmen
Wilbur Wright
Daniel Blystone
Robert Funk
William Walter

ACTIVITIES HANDLED BY THE AUXILIARY POLICE

Handling of traffic for Sunday service at St. Maurice Church at Ardmore Boulevard

Handling of traffic and parking for PTA meetings and other large gatherings in the Borough

Served at "Canteens" at the Junior High School

Served at Youth and Adult activities in the Woman's Club

Assist at the bus pick-up points for the annual school picnics

Activities throughout the 4th of July Community Day at our Borough Park

Extra patrolling duty during the Halloween season

Police training and target practice

These and other activities involve many hours of duty we have come to depend on.

About 1954 the Auxiliary Police began to function in Forest Hills and Richard Wise, now Mayor, served as chief of this group for 10 years.

1969 Officers of Auxiliary Police:

H. Van Dyke, President
J. Naughton, Vice-President
W. Hogan, Secretary
J. Rush, Treasurer

Trustees:

S. Matechan
M. Fitzurka

1969 OUR ROAD DEPARTMENT

Forest Hills has more than 25 miles of streets and alleys to keep in condition and to salt and cinder in the winter. Our normal yearly amount of materials used is 200 tons of rock salt, 250 tons of processed cinders, and 24 tons of Calcium Chloride.

One of the reasons our Borough started out in the first place was over lack of roads or absolutely wretched mud roads. In fact—in Bryn Mawr—all roads were mud!

Now in 1969 most all of our roads in the Borough are either paved or improved.

1969 STREET DEPARTMENT LINEUP

Alfred Prop, Foreman, Earl Oswalt, Raymond Schuster, William Fisher, John Maskaly, Melvin Baker, Richard Branzel, Merl Oswalt.