

### Planning Commission for Lebanon Backed by Council

Lebanon — Main business transacted at last week's meeting of the city council included preparations to set up a city planning commission, and decision to make application for a disaster truck now available through the civil defense program.

A report was also heard from councilman Glenn Huston who said his committee has studied the installation of traffic lights and will refer the matter to the city budget committee for inclusion in the next budget. He said the committee favored the installation of six traffic lights, rather than two which were originally proposed.

The planning commission will be composed of seven members, two of whom will live outside the city, and three ex-officio members, the mayor, city attorney and city engineer.

The commission's powers are primarily recommendatory and relate to zoning, building, industrial development and the planning of streets and sewers.

Proposal for the purchase of the disaster truck comes from Ralph Scroggin, who explained the fire department had agreed to furnish a crew to man it. He said that the cost would be \$8,800 of which half would be paid by the federal government and another quarter by the state, leaving \$2,200 to be paid by the city.

The vehicle contains 351 items of equipment ranging from a light plant to blankets and stretchers and can be used not only for civil defense but in case of fire, flood or accident disasters.

It was explained that the application must be made to the state before the first of the year if the city is to get such a truck in the near future.

Also receiving council approval was a subdivision on highway 20 east of Lebanon on which is now rising the first unit of the Southgate shopping center. It will be known as Horn addition.

### Two More Unions Get \$3.75 Package

New York (AP) — Two more unions have voted to accept the formula of a \$3.75-a-week package plus a cost-finding which ended the recent strike of photo engravers against six major New York City newspapers.

Acceptance was voted Sunday by Local 1 of the paper handlers and straighteners and Local 6 of the mailers union, both AFL.

The formula had been accepted earlier by the AFL stereotypers as well as by the AFL photo engravers.

### Unemployment High in Linn Co.

Lebanon—Total unemployment in the eastern Linn area was estimated at an all-time high here Thursday when it arose slightly above the 2,300 mark, according to officials of the state employment office.

The figure was based on the total drawing of unemployment compensation claims, which went over the 1,500 mark for the first time on Dec. 17. Compensation claims total about 85 per cent of the total unemployed, the office estimates.

Greatest unemployment comes from logging operations which have closed for the winter months, but a sizeable bulk is from a varied field including almost every occupation.

Christmas season has failed to take up more than a small part of the jobless.

Despite hiring extra help, store owners have found that the bulk of job seekers are wives of men who have been out of work and most of the women are housewives who were not employed a few weeks ago.

Merchants point out that women seeking work daily average between eight and 10.

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