

Ronald H. LaVelle

Pittsburgh, PA

- 1904 Ronald H. LaVelle is born on December 6 in Ambridge, PA (WWII enlistment record).
- 1930 Ronald is a musician living at 260 Baywood in Mt Lebanon, PA (census).
- 1941 Ronald is a musician and music teacher when he enlists in the National Guard. His home is at 260 Baywood in Pittsburgh. He is part of the 207th Coast Guard Artillery Band (enlistment records).
- 1947 First advertisement found for LaVelle mouthpieces in the *International Musician*. Wood St, Pittsburgh.



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1948 Ad from *International Musician*. 441 6th Ave (photo 3).

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1951 Last advertisement found for LaVelle.

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