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council hears borough hall, center plans

Extensive plans for a spacious shopping center and a branch office for First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre were submitted at the regular meeting of Dallas Borough Council last week. (A related story on the proposed shopping center appears elsewhere on this page.)

Councilman Jerry Machell reported that he had plans drawn up to provide officials with larger quarters with a seating capacity for 35 to 40 visitors located on the ground floor of the former liquor store headquarters on Main Street, Dallas.

The architect's drawing submitted provides a caucus room of 183 square feet and a meeting room of 418 feet. Council would be seated on a raised half moon dais facing the public in an adjoining area of 130 feet. This would eliminate using the small second floor room where council presently meets. Also available for rental from council will be 987 feet of office space.

Police headquarters will be revised at a later date. Council authorized advertising for bids.

tax dispute

The matter of the realty transfer tax dispute between the Dallas Township solicitor and the representative of Rubatex Holding Corp. was discussed. Attorney Frank Townend, township solicitor, had been advised to file suit against Linear Corp. and The Rubatex Holding Corp. as a result of a transfer tax payment made in 1967 when Rubatex purchased the plant located on Route 309.

According to solicitor Townend, a total of \$5320 in taxes was paid to the borough and township could receive a larger portion of the payment.

Council chairman Harold Brobst stated that he wanted no court case and that a check should be made with the recorder of deeds. An inquiry was made as to why the records from the county were not sent to the municipalities. Since records are kept in the county office, solicitor Charles Lemmond said he would go to the office and bring records to council.

According to two residents who objected to its poor condition, road work in Stonehedge has not been completed as ordered.

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Migrants receive school assistance

Teaching children of migrant workers, says Donna Smith, is more of a challenge than you might think, because there is the language barrier to hurdle. The children, of Mexican extraction, speak Spanish.

Donna, since Aug. 4, has been instructing at the Sutliff farm in Sweet Valley, along with six other teachers. Donna is the only one from Penn State; this being a brainchild of Wilkes College, a project launched by a faculty member, George Siles.

Fred Brown, a 1964 graduate of Lake-Lehman, and a 1968 graduate of Wilkes, is head teacher. Two other teachers are Wilkes graduates.

With seven teachers and only 25 children, a tutorial plan is possible, with each child receiving individual attention at least part of the time.

Instruction is given children from 2 to 10 years of age each morning. When a child is over

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An unidentified fisherman silhouetted against the sunset, caught a small trout at Harveys Lake as photographer Scott Saffian captured him, using an extra long telephoto lens from a half mile away.

new Dallas shopping center proposed for 309 intersection

A preliminary sketch of the new shopping center proposed by the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre shows the building complex to be located between Routes 415 and 309 and facing the Suburban Restaurant. Not definite yet is whether the branch office of the First National Bank will be included in the shopping center or will be constructed separately and in front of the stores.

The sketch, presented to borough councilmen at a meeting last week, was provided by Paul M. Rodda, architect for the project.

Attorney Joseph Gallagher, legal counsel for the bank, called for a resolution which would vacate part of Wellington Avenue and Richfield Street. The resolution, proposed and approved by the council, provides that Wellington Avenue and Richfield Street will no longer be borough roads.

The bank has agreed to provide improved entrances for residents of the streets to both Routes 309 and 415 as well as to the new shopping center.

Elwood McCarty, a resident of Wellington Avenue, objected to a 90-degree turn proposed at one site on the new road. He was assured by Herbert Morris, a personal relations officer at First National, that the angle of the turn could be corrected with little difficulty.

Mr. McCarty later told The Dallas Post that he was satisfied with the bank's plans and would not file a formal complaint during the 30-day waiting period required by law before the ordinance becomes effective.

All legal expenses involved in vacating the roads will be borne by the bank.

Mr. McCarty also asked whether or not a fence would be erected at the rear of the shopping

center, pointing out that rubbish which collects behind such centers could become an eyesore to local residents.

Mr. Morris stated that the bank planned to plant a thicket of shrubbery to provide a natural fence behind the complex, but would erect a fence if this was preferred by the taxpayers.

Included in the proposed plans is a special sewage treatment plant which will be tied in with the Dallas Area Municipal Authority's project.

If no objections to the vacating resolution are filed during the 30-day waiting period, the bank will present extensive architectural plans for consideration and approval by the borough council, and may then be considered for a building permit.

not good business

Kingston Township Police Chief Herbert Updyke issued a warning to area residents this week by outlining the fact that door-to-door solicitation is not always the best way to purchase anything.

"Beware of people calling at your door and remember that hours of solicitation are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. only," the chief pointed out. "When a vendor calls, residents should ask to see his permit, and Sunday soliciting is prohibited," he continued.

Chief Updyke said that his department has been asked for a number of permits recently by solicitors seeking vendor privileges to work within the community's confines.

"We cannot stop persons from making a legitimate living," the chief pointed out. "But persons considering purchases are urged to do business directly with the company or a reputable dealer."

unfinished junior high to open

By SHAWN MURPHY

Labor disputes, bad weather, and a shortage of building materials are the reasons given by architect Donald Smith of Smith, Miller and Associates, for the twelfth hour rush to complete the new \$4½ million dollar Dallas Junior High School. The building presently remains far from finished.

Pointing out that the original specifications approved by the school board did not call for total completion of the new building by Sept. 3, Mr. Smith said that the classroom areas will be ready for occupancy by the stipulated opening date.

"The classrooms, homemaking suite, science and biology areas will be ready for students on Wednesday," Mr. Smith assured The Dallas Post earlier this week. He added that an inspection at the end of the week by school district representatives, contractors and architects would determine exactly which areas would be completely finished.

John L. Paul, supervisor of maintenance for the Dallas schools, said that new furniture, including student desks and chairs, had arrived and was being unpacked. New cafeteria furniture had also arrived, assuring students of lunch room facilities. Kitchen equipment has not yet been installed, however, which will necessitate a catered lunch program from the nearby high school.

According to John (Skippy) Lanunziata, general superintendent for the Tabone and Barbera Construction Co., the gym and workshop areas were scheduled for completion by Sept. 15. Several workmen noted that work in these areas was about two weeks behind schedule, however, and suggested that they might not be finished until early in October. The auditorium is scheduled for a December completion.

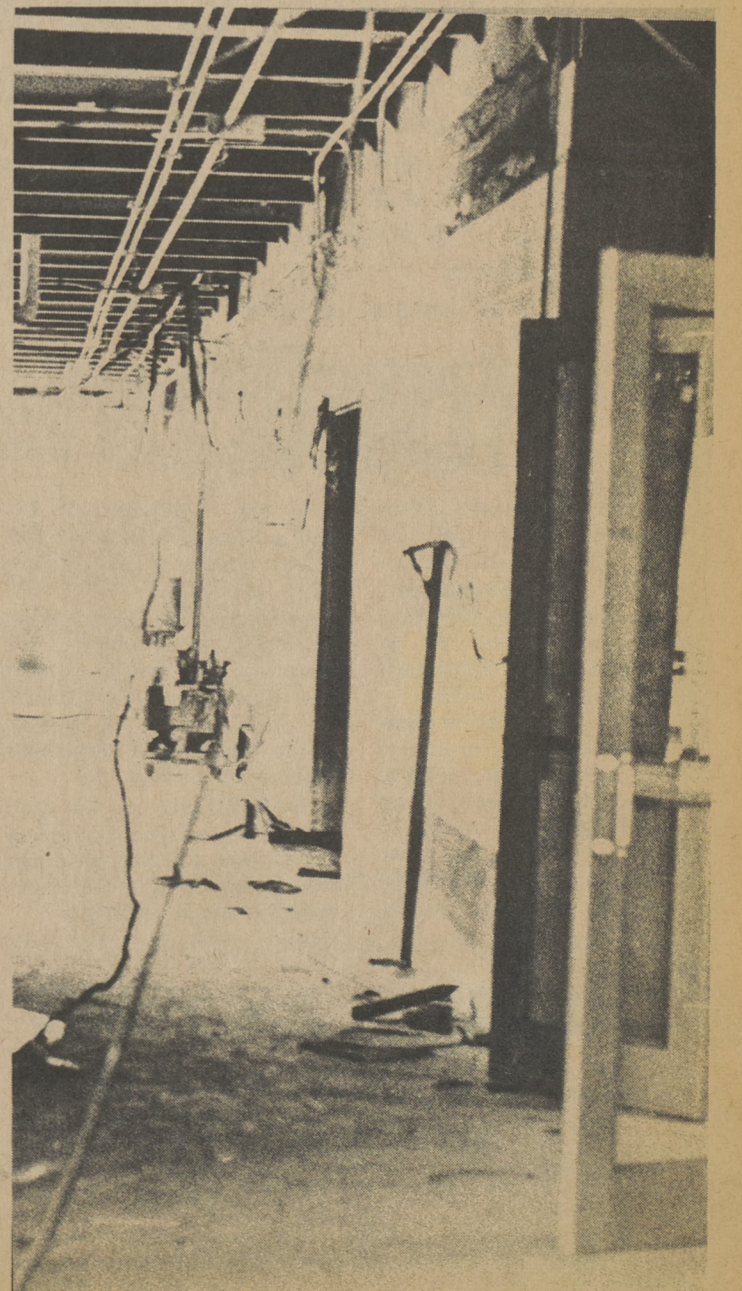
Systems necessary for the safety of students and faculty have been given top priority on the contractors' schedules and for this reason, work on the emergency lighting, fire alarm and sound systems is nearly complete.

Work will continue on sections of the building removed from classrooms while school is in session, with workmen putting on the finishing touches in classroom areas after school is dismissed at 2:41 p.m.

Junior high principal John Rosser maintains that "without question, we will be able to carry out an educational program; if we have the classroom areas, we can manage nicely."

Still, it may not be easy. Architect Smith suggests that there may well be "hardships" for the students, faculty and administrators while the school is being completed.

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Despite labor disputes, bad weather, and a shortage of materials, the new \$4½ million junior high school will open as scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 3.

More than just finishing touches are needed in this corridor of the new Dallas Junior High School. Classroom areas are more nearly complete than the corridor pictured above.

