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Tree branches grow through the windows of this old service station in Franklin Township, in replica of a bygone era.

movies must hide, bill states

A bill which would require the Dallas Drive-in Theater to construct or fence in its screen so that passersby cannot see movies from the road has been introduced into the House of Representatives by Frank O'Connell Jr. (R-Kings-ton) and James Gallen (R-Reading).

According to Rep. O'Connell, the measure has been introduced to "prevent citizens on our roads and streets from being innocently subjected to lurid, immoral scenes" that are part of many adult movies.

Disturbed by the increasingly objectionable

quality of x-rated movies, Mr. O'Connell recently co-sponsored legislation which would prohibit operators of movie theaters from showing previews of adult movies when they are running family films. The bill passed the House and Senate and will be signed into law by Governor Shafer "hopefully within the week," Mr. O'Connell said.

If the legislation concerning drive-in theaters is passed, and Mr. O'Connell suggests that he is "reasonably certain" it will be, theaters will be given a specific date by which they must comply with the screening requirement.

unions gather voters before NLRB vote

With a National Labor Relations Board election one week away at Natona Mills, The Dallas Post contacted the four competing unions and asked representatives of each group two questions.

The questions were, "Why do you believe your union is the best choice for Natona employees?" and "What can your union offer Natona workers that the other unions can't?"

Given in the order they were received are the unions' responses:

The international vice president and regional director of the United Textile Workers of America, Ernest "Mickey" Milewski, stated: "Natona is a textile plant and can only be represented intelligently by a textile union which is trained and franchised for that purpose.

"Secondly, the UTW represents 14 lace plants located in New Jersey, New York and New England. This makes the UTW not only the largest lace union in the world but also the union that will lead and set wage settlements and patterns, the only union that can be knowledgeable in the industry. We can offer Natona a union that will be strengthened by the other 14 plants. The other organizations cannot, and since they cannot offer a

union made up of lace workers they must offer Natona workers a choice to stand alone—one local, one plant. It's almost like offering an independent union a choice of remaining independent.

"Finally, the UTW is located here in the area representing 25 plants. Two of its business agents live in Wilkes-Barre. This means immediate service without waiting for a union representative to travel from out of town. This is tremendously important, and it can only be offered by the UTW."

George Overa, assistant regional director of District 50, United Mine Workers of America, stated: "District 50 can and will negotiate a contract for employees of Natona that is much better than is now in existence.

"We know Natona workers have fallen way behind, and have been denied wage improvements that other workers have been able to gain and enjoy these past three years. They have also been denied the proper labor representation that is so badly needed in this fast changing economy.

"We will train the employees to handle their local problems with the best guidance and professional leadership District 50 has to offer. An inter-

bank to market strategy puzzles borough council

A new shopping center to be built by Weis Markets has been proposed near the intersection of Routes 309 and 415 in Dallas Borough, The Dallas Post learned this week. The \$250,000 complex would include several smaller businesses as well as the market and the Dallas branch office of the First National Bank of Wilkes-Barre.

The four and one half acre tract was purchased last year by the bank with the understanding that it would build the shopping center. The bank erected a trailer office on the site last December, and expects to begin construction on its permanent building in approximately six weeks, bank officials said.

Richard Disque, borough building inspector, presented the map for the proposed shopping center to Dallas Borough Council at its meeting last week. A heated discussion arose over the fact that approval for building the complex was given only to the bank and not to Weis Markets.

Questions arose as to how Weis Markets had entered the picture. Since the meeting, Thomas H. Kiley, president of the First National Bank, told The Post that the bank has been negotiating with Weis Markets—a Sunbury concern—to sell the food market chain three and one half acres of the tract for development.

Weis Markets representatives have said they desire to build a road in the center according to borough specifications or to reimburse the borough for building such a roadway. A similar agreement was made last year between council and the bank after a resolution was passed by the

council to vacate Richfield Street and a part of Wellington Avenue.

Mr. Disque and council agreed that the planned sewage disposal system would not be sufficient to take care of the entire shopping center, particularly since one of the businesses is supposed to be a laundry. Council decided that any further sewage plan must be approved by the State Health Department and a borough committee.

Council further decided that any commercial building in the borough must have the stamp of approval of the Department of Labor and Industry before a permit will be issued. In view of the fact that the First National Bank has already been given this approval, Mr. Disque was authorized to issue a building permit to the bank under the condition that any new constructions meet sewage standards.

No permits were issued for Weis Markets to build its common roof brick unit planned to house approximately seven small businesses. A tentative map submitted was found to be different from the map approved by the borough last year. The present map shows the bank backing on the Suburban Restaurant whereas the original plans called for the bank to be in another location.

Council expressed concern for residents in the area behind the proposed shopping center and indicated that approval will be withheld until more information is available. A special meeting is planned this week for borough council members, Allan Rodda and Associates, architects, and representatives of the concerned firms.

fiscal crisis lingers at 44

The survival of Channel 44 Television, the only educational station in northeastern Pennsylvania, continued to weigh in the balance this week, with station manager George Strimel betting heavily that at least 26 Pennsylvania state senators will keep the station alive. Such a move would necessitate the Senate endorsing appropriation measures which, thus far in the legislative session, continue to die for lack of majority vote.

The non-commercial station, which depends

on state funding for about half its fiscal budget, has suffered under the demise of the only state educational network which has suspended operation because the Senate failed to endorse appropriate funding. The death of the network this month, marks the first time in the history of television this has happened in the United States. Additionally, Channel 44 is faced with at least 10 percent of its staff resigning.

In an exclusive interview with Northeastern Newspapers Monday night, Mr. Strimel painted a grave picture for the station should the Senate fail to act. The house version of the educational appropriation measures passed last July.

Channel 44 has relied on the state for about half of its funds since it first went on the air about three and a half years ago, Mr. Strimel said. "In prior years there has been no trouble. The money has been forthcoming."

The station manager expressed dismay in explaining that in years prior to this legislative session the state has appropriated and invested heavily in educational television. "In excess of \$200,000 in capitol has been voted in the past to go to into Channel 44 by the state," he continued.

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instant playgrounds might satisfy need

The Kunkle Fire Hall will be the setting Monday night at 7:30 p.m. for a meeting of representatives from all Back Mountain communities to discuss the feasibility of installing "instant playgrounds" in their areas. All persons interested in learning more about these new recreational packages are invited to attend the meeting.

Jack Bradley, a representative of the Instant Convertible Playgrounds Co. will be on hand to speak to the group about his firm's low cost, pre-programmed system of recreation.

According to information provided by the playground company, the availability of land is not a primary consideration in construction of the units as the entire recreational package can be set up in a school yard, vacant property or level

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teachers back secretaries

The executive board of the Dallas Educational Association, local chapter of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, has approved a resolution backing the school secretaries who sought to have their salaries increased at a recent Dallas School Board meeting.

The secretaries, Ida Edwards and Mary Shaver, petitioned the school board in January for salary increases. Both receive wages of \$3450 a year and are employed on a 12-month basis.

The resolution approved by the executive board of the teachers' professional organization states that board members "feel that the salaries of all non-professional employees should be increased to keep up with the cost of living and to be competitive with others in similar positions."

Walter Glogowski, president of the 154-member DEA, stated that the resolution did not specify support for the secretaries "as there are other non-professional employees who are also far behind competitive wage scales."

Mr. Glogowski continued, "Our primary purpose in drafting the resolution is to make people realize that a \$3500 salary for 12 months of work is not sufficient, particularly as there are some earning this salary who are the breadwinners of their families."

The resolution was submitted to the Dallas School Board for consideration during budget planning sessions which begin this month.

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