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Authority proposes tax-saving option for Lake

Harveys Lake borough council members are considering a proposed tax-saving suggestion of the borough's municipal authority for a meeting place.

Albert Gulitus, secretary of the General Municipal Authority for the Borough of Harveys Lake attended the council meeting last Thursday to present the authority's written proposal for offices and a meeting

place for the conducting of the borough's general business affairs.

The proposal, an outgrowth of a Jan. 13 meeting between borough and authority officials, was an offer by the authority to accommodate the borough with facilities for meetings and other borough activities at the authority location.

The intent would be to eliminate the need for acquisition of other property

by the borough and, according to the proposal, "expenditure of large sums of money."

The authority indicated that it has acquired additional land at its present location in the Sunset section of the borough which is "now available to the borough at no cost." The proposal noted that "the borough will be able to place on this parcel of land, temporary facilities for borough activities which may not now be possible (to accommodate) in the authority building, such as the police department and borough administrative offices."

(The present authority building already includes a modern meeting room which presumably would be available for borough meetings. The borough presently holds council and other official meetings, houses police and administrative functions in portions of a building rented from the Daniel Roberts Fire Company for \$150 per month.)

The proposal went on to say that "in the near future, the authority, subject to your approval, will construct a permanent facility which will house those activities of the borough not

possible at this time."

"Indications at this time are that public grants are available to the authority to pay for the cost of construction and it is anticipated that no other funds will be needed," the proposal continues.

It concludes, "It is hoped that serious consideration will be given to this proposal so as to avoid the duplication of facilities and to prevent additional tax burdens on our taxpayers."

The proposal indicated that Authority Chairman George J. Alles requested the formal presentation and was signed by Secretary Gulitus.

The borough has been considering

the acquisition of land in the Sandy Beach area with varying purchase prices from \$125,000 to \$217,000, depending on the amount of land purchased.

Since land acquisition costs are generally not covered by federal grants, it appeared likely that the full cost of such a land purchase would be born by borough taxpayers and the transaction has been highly controversial. The Sandy Beach site was also considered a recreational facility possibility or a combination of both.

At the Thursday meeting, borough council members agreed to seek another meeting with authority officials at the earliest possible date.

Ray Hillman elected Fall Fair president

At a recent meeting of the Fall Fair Association, new officers were elected for the coming year.

Ray Hillman, Dallas Kiwanis, was elected president; Alan Landis, Dallas Rotary Club, vice president; Tom Reese, Dallas Lions Club, secretary; Kay Whitehead, Dallas Women of Rotary, assistant secretary; Bob Bayer, Jr., Back Mountain Jaycees, treasurer; and

Charles Kishbaugh, Jaycees, assistant treasurer.

Outgoing officers were Francis "Red" Ambrose, president; Ray Hillman, vice president; Tom Reese, secretary; Dan Chapman, deceased, treasurer.

1979 marked the first year an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer were elected to office under the new bylaws.

Local jobs pending in '79 elections

There should be a good deal of political activity throughout the Back Mountain before the May primary elections, as the terms of 16 council members and supervisors and six school board members will expire this year.

Expiring in Dallas Borough will be the terms of council president Harold Brobst, William Carroll, Kenneth Young, and Craig Aicher, who was only recently sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Peter Arnaud after he left the area.

In Harveys Lake the terms of council president Robert DeRemer and council members Guy Giordano, Robert Wintersteen, and Margaret Purcell will expire.

Council terms in both boroughs are four years.

Kingston Township, with its home rule charter providing for four-year terms, will have three supervisor vacancies. Expiring will be the terms of chairman Herbert Hill and supervisors Willard Piatt and Daniel Wisniewski.

Each of the remaining townships will have one vacancy each. As they are second-class townships, the positions are for six years.

Dallas Township supervisor chairman Philip Walter's term will expire this year, as will those of Ignatius Hozempa in Lehman Township and chairman Fred Fielding in Jackson Township.

The terms of two more supervisor chairmen, John Adams in Lake Township and Alec Matukatis in Franklin Township will likewise expire in 1979.

Each of the two area school boards will have to elect three members.

Expiring on the Dallas Area School Board will be the terms of Harry Swepston, William Dierolf, and Harry Lefko.

In the Lake-Lehman School District the terms of Flora Anderson, Donald Jones, and board president Gilbert Tough will likewise expire.

Borough's bid to tap per capita tax may cause school finance woe

by Charlot Denmon

The recent enactment of the per capita occupational privilege tax by Dallas Borough is of great concern to the Dallas School District, which originally levied the \$10 tax in the municipalities of the district.

Dallas School Board approved the tax in order to close a void in the budget when the state and federal appropriations were cut back. Board members believed it more equitable to levy the \$10 occupational tax than to increase real estate taxes another one or two mills.

Earl Fritzges, chairman of the board's finance committee, said that the figure of approximately \$54,000 was the estimate given the board by the tax collection agencies.

To date, he said, the district has received about \$24,000 with returns,

among them some from business with large numbers of employees still to be made.

The board has requested a complete report from the Wilkinson Tax Collection Agency and will wait for that before coming to any final decision.

Fritzges said that he believes the borough's share will be less than 25 percent but he isn't sure. He also said that the board members will have to look at the tax and decide whether or not it is worthwhile to continue. Fritzges is not keen about the occupational privilege tax but voted for it because he believed it was something necessary at the time.

"There are some advantages to it," he said. "Persons who live in housing projects are subject to the tax and thus, pay a fair share.

"If all municipalities were to pass the occupational privilege tax, it would mean about \$27,000 or nearly one mill. The board would have to look to other areas to meet the financial needs of the district. Our final decision has to wait until all figures are in."

Board president Richard Hislop said that Dallas Borough alone won't

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Medical Center reviews 8 bidders

The Dallas Area Medical Center board reviewed bids of eight contractors at their meeting last week. The architect, Carl J. Schmitt Associates, and engineers, Martin and Fladd, attended the meeting.

Basic bids were made for the center and four alternative bids for paving, landscaping, light posts and a sign. The basic bids for the building were \$302,500 by Pethick Construction Company; \$298,000 by Sordoni Con-

struction Company; \$292,800 by Raymon R. Hedden and Company; \$273,968 by Somerville Construction Company; \$235,509 by George L. Ruckno, Inc.; and \$243,155 by Remley Construction Company.

The contractor selected by the medical center board will be announced at a meeting next week. A well will be drilled now for adequate water supply.

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Derhammer undergoes marrow transplant

Carl Derhammer, 28-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Derhammer, RD 1, Dallas, underwent a bone marrow transplant at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., recently.

Carl has A plastic anemia, a rare disease in which his bone marrow completely stopped producing any blood cells. The only known cure for this disease is a bone marrow transplant and Johns Hopkins Hospital is one of the few hospitals in the country that does this type of operation.

Prior to the operation, Derhammer's family was called to Johns Hopkins for a series of tests to find which one of Carl's brothers or sisters would be the most compatible to provide the bone marrow for the

transplant. Carl's sister Martha was selected because her bone marrow was comprised of exactly the same components as her brother.

The treatment for A plastic anemia is sometimes worse than the disease itself. Before the transplant Carl had to undergo four days of Cytosin treatments, a very powerful chemotherapy drug which was used to kill his remaining bone marrow to prepare him for the transplant.

There are numerous side effects from this powerful drug. The actual operation involved transplanting the bone marrow from his sisters hip bone into Carl.

A strong will to live keeps Carl alive, according to his families. His

immune system is now like that of a newborn baby. The smallest infection can prove fatal. For that reason Carl was in complete isolation and now must wear a filter mask to protect him from any type of infection.

Carl is employed by the Muskin Corp. in Wilkes Barre.

He must remain at Johns Hopkins for at least 100 days of treatment and observation. He would like to hear from anyone who would care to write.

The address is:
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Local firm bought by British company

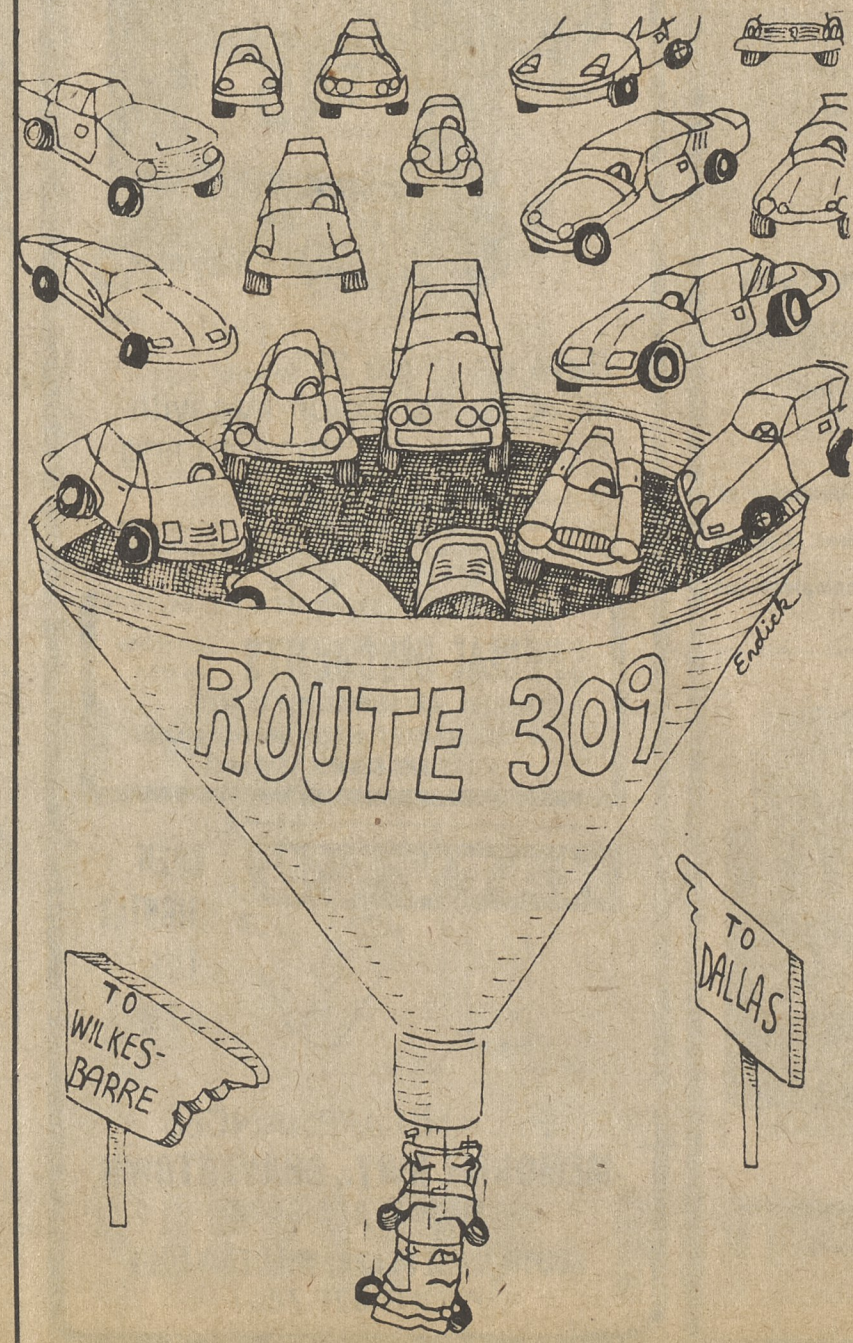
The capital stock of Surface Processes Corporation of Country Club Road, Dallas, has been purchased by Coates Brothers & Co., Ltd., a British Corporation which manufactures and sells printing inks, synthetic resins, reprographic toners and other surface coatings products throughout the world.

Coates, which celebrated its centennial last year, has established an international reputation for technical proficiency, which has ensured it a leading position in the markets in which it operates. It has also established a network of subsidiary companies worldwide, with some 30 factories operating in Australia, New Zealand, the Far East, India, Africa, continental Europe and the West Indies. Group sales in 1977 amounted to \$164 million with profits exceeding 17.6 million.

The acquisition of Surface Processes--now renamed Coates Reprographics Inc.--provides the first manufacturing facilities for the Group in the USA, although it has been selling specialized printing inks and technical know-how here for several years. Initially Coates Reprographics Inc. will restrict its operations to the manufacture and marketing of a full range of reprographic toners, tailored to satisfy the specialized and exacting requirements of the office copier and computer print-out industries.

Peter B. Thompson, who heads up the Coates International Reprographics Division, is the new President of the Company and one of his fellow directors is James P. Harris, Jr. the Wilkes-Barre attorney. The General Manager is R.P.A. Piercy and the vice-president sales marketing is John A. Wise.

Kiwanis plans town meeting on future of Route 309, Jan. 31



As a part of its community service activities the Dallas Kiwanis Club is holding a "Town Meeting" at the Irem Temple Country Club ballroom, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m.

"Upon completion of the Crossvalley Expressway-Then What?" is the subject to be considered by an authoritative panel being invited to the meeting by George Maculloch, chairman of the Citizenship Services committee.

Sen Frank O'Connell has assisted in selecting the panel members and has been invited to take part in the presentation. John Finn will represent PennDOT and other members of the panel will be representatives of Luzerne County, Kingston and Dallas Townships and Dallas Borough governments, who will consider the subject from their varied points of view.

Dallas Kiwanis Club is extending special invitations to the other Service Clubs in the Back Mountain area and to the public to attend this discussion of a subject that is vital to all users of Route 309 from Trucksville through Dallas.

In view of the present accident frequency and the frequent problems of entering onto Route 309 experienced by local motorists, the concern is what to expect when a greater volume of traffic is to pass through this area in the future.

Both residents and businessmen in the area as well as others who depend on Route 309 for daily commuting should be deeply interested in what plans have been or are being formulated to meet the problems.

Ray Hillman and Robert Lawhorn are representing the Dallas Kiwanis Club at other service club meetings to discuss the town meeting.