

SEPTEMBER COURT.

### Domestic Relations Court Heard Large Number of Cases—Violation of Automobile Laws Furnished Work for Judge—Judge Chase to Preside Thursday.

### Johnstonbaugh Gets Stiff Sentence.

Pleading guilty, Johnstonbaugh, the man who was on trial at previous term of court charged with the burning of an automobile, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, \$800 fine, and to undergo imprisonment in the Allegheny county work house for a term of one year.

Court convened on Thursday morning in what is usually known as the Domestic Relations Court. The first matter to come to the attention of the court was the admission of Robert E. Haas of Lehigh County Bar to practice in the Courts of Centre county, having a special case here.

**Comm. vs. Allen Bros.**, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix Catharine Bloom. This case was from Ferguson township and the case was referred to the Deserter and Probation officer for investigation upon payment of the costs by the defendant.

**Comm. vs. J. Frank Kennedy**, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix Irene Kennedy. This case was from Phillipsburg and the case was dismissed.

**Comm. vs. Pat Torsel**, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix Pearl Torsel. After hearing, the court ordered the defendant to pay the costs and \$12 per month to the probation officer for the support of his child.

**Comm. vs. Ralph E. Cole**, charged with desertion and non-support of his three children. Prosecutrix, Nellie A. Cole. This case is from Bellefonte, and the defendant was ordered to pay the costs and pay the probation officer the sum of \$25 per month for the support of his children.

**Comm. vs. Thomas E. Jones**, charged with desertion and non-support. Prosecutrix, Pearl Jones. The defendant lives in Renovo and the prosecutrix in State College. This case took up most of Thursday and at the conclusion the defendant was ordered to pay the costs and the sum of \$50 per month for the support of his wife.

**Comm. vs. Chester Squires**, charged with disorderly conduct and threats. Prosecutrix, Edwin Gustafson, constable. The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of one dollar, costs of prosecution and one year in the Allegheny County work house, but the prison sentence to be remitted on his good conduct and behavior.

**Comm. vs. Rudolph Kistler**, prosecutrix A. E. Yougel chief of police of State College, charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes and transportation. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and fine of \$500.

**Comm. vs. Eugene Carson**, charged with desertion and non-support of wife and child. Prosecutrix, Martha Carson. This case was from Sandy Ridge and terms agreed upon ordered carried out by the court.

**Comm. vs. B. P. Bell**, charged with operating automobile while under the influence of liquor; prosecutrix B. F. Beckley, state highway patrol. Sentence to pay the costs and prison sentence suspended.

**Comm. vs. George C. Reed**, charged with illegal possession and transportation of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes. The defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$250.

**Comm. vs. John Nuttino**, charged with operating automobile while under the influence of liquor. Prosecutrix, B. F. Meckley, State Highway Patrol. Defendant pled guilty and sentenced to pay the costs and prison sentence suspended.

**Comm. vs. George Pfouts**, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix Gladys Pfouts. Defendant ordered to pay the costs and \$20 per month.

**Comm. vs. Lera Gill** charged with illegal possession of liquor for beverage purposes; prosecutrix, A. E. Yougel, of State College. Defendant pled guilty and sentenced to pay the costs and fine of \$250 and undergo imprisonment in the Allegheny county work house for a period of three months.

**Comm. vs. Fred W. Hartswick**, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix, Besse M. Hartswick. After hearing, the court ordered the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution and the sum of \$25 per month for the support of his wife and one child with her. The other two children to be and remain where they are now and to be maintained by the husband. The case to be investigated by the Deserter and Probation officer.

**Comm. vs. Vincent Barlett**, charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix, Helen Barlett. After hearing, the defendant was discharged upon payment of costs.

**Comm. vs. Arthur Gearhart**, charged with desertion and non-support of his children; prosecutrix, Ruth Gearhart. After hearing, the order of the court was held until after other cases against the defendant are disposed of in this week's court.

**Comm. vs. Edward Billett**, charged with desertion and non-support. Prosecutrix, Mary Billett. After hearing, the court ordered the defendant to pay the costs and \$25 per month to the defendant for the support of his wife and two children.

**Comm. vs. Nora Bennett**, Arlington Hamer and Wilson Hamer. The three cases were tried together and in each case the defendant charged with non-

### MILLHEIM SCHOOL PROPOSITION IS UP TO THE VOTERS

**Millheim Borough, Penn. and Haines Township Come Together on Agreement for Additional and Ideal School Facilities.**

Below is reprinted from the Journal a rather extended reference to the manner in which Millheim borough, Penn. and Haines townships have agreed to handle the school problem in lower Pennsylvania. The plan is an admirable one, and the progress of its accomplishment and its final workings should be carefully watched. The method might be acceptable to working out the solution of a school problem developing nearer at home.

The Journal in its comments on the question says:

At a meeting of the school boards of Millheim borough, Haines and Penn townships, held jointly in the Farmers National Bank & Trust Co. building last Thursday evening, an agreement was signed whereby the three boards merge on the proposition of a new high school, building and equipment for their joint use. The agreement was dated September 19th, but signatures were not affixed until the Thursday night meeting, when each board, acting separately, voted approval of the measure.

The agreement states that a new building is to be erected on a site chosen by the three boards, said building to cost approximately \$30,000. Inasmuch as Penn township is already bonded for a centralized school, the matter of financing the new building will be handled by Millheim borough and Haines township, with the understanding that Penn township will pay rental, yearly, in the same amount as each of the other two parties to the agreement pay to a sinking fund, so that the cost will be equally divided.

Haines township, by good management, has accumulated and saved from their regular taxes, a tidy sum—large enough that it will be unnecessary to bond the township. The money required for their share, estimated at approximately \$10,000, can be borrowed without a bond issue, and the board has agreed to do that. Inasmuch as they are able to save part of their taxes each year and because the yearly cost to each will not exceed \$500, there will likely not be an additional tax burden there.

Penn township has already shown their intention to put their schools in a class second to none, and the progressiveness of their board is shown in the manner in which they are helping solve a high school problem with two neighboring municipalities. The yearly cost, in rental, is agreed at \$500, to continue for twenty years. At the expiration of this period they will give a deed for an undivided one-third interest in the high school building and equipment. Very little additional cost for transportation will be in their budget, as they already have the transportation means.

In Millheim borough it will be necessary to go before the electors for their consent to float a bond issue, but since the need is imperative and the tax increase unnecessary, the dissenting vote will be very light. Here in the borough we are faced with a problem that deals not so much with a high school, but with the equal distribution of grade scholars. For instance, the primary room is crowded to and really beyond its capacity. There are forty-four children in the first, second and third grades, all under one teacher.

The same condition exists in the intermediate room where one teacher takes care of thirty-four pupils in three grades—the fourth, fifth and sixth.

The matter of cost to the borough taxpayers need not be a source of further annoyance. This bond issue probably can be met without any increased taxation. Under the present board of administration, a debt of several thousand dollars was paid off and many improvements made to the school building. So that the present tax rate will be sufficient in itself to handle the sinking fund payments necessary each year, a payment that will approximate \$300, probably less. It will be hard to find a sound, logical argument against a bond issue that will give us the educational advantages for our children and our children's children that this will. Especially is this true of the proposal in its present form.

### THE POTATO CROP.

The yield of potatoes in this section is not as large per acre as last year, yet the total yield will be well up to the totals of the past few years. To date there is no market for the humble spud. The only sales made were to local parties for family use, and most of these transactions were on the basis of sales to be made in the future.

Four of the largest growers about here are T. F. Delaney Morris & A. Burckholder, W. F. Colyer and H. H. Decker, tenant on the Colyer farm. Mr. Delaney completed raising last week, the total crop being close to 1200 bushels. Mr. Delaney omits spraying entirely and this year the blight very much reduced the yield. Last year his yield was about equal to those who followed spraying. When sorted, the quality of his crop will be first-class.

Mr. Burckholder last week had about half completed lifting his crop. He estimates his total crop at about 2400 bushels. He used a sprayer, and on high ground obtained a good yield and quality of tubers. On low ground the excessive moisture crippled the returns both in yield and quality.

Mr. Colyer and Mr. Decker have not begun to harvest their crops.

Does Mr. Fred B. Hasley really believe that anybody reads his political stuff?

### Centre Hall to Get a Dentist.

H. R. White, D. S., of Lewistown, accompanied by Wm. Sterling, of Altoona, was in town last week, and after looking over the place the young dental surgeon decided to locate here. His parlor will occupy the front of the B. Gardner Grove residence, on the diamond, and will be equipped with all new and modern dental appliances. The equipment includes a Ritter electro dental unit, Ritter chair, Castle sterilizer, and American cabinet. The rooms to be occupied have been remodeled and fitted up in a suitable manner so that by the first of October the installation of the required equipment for the latest and most approved dental work will be complete.

Dr. White is a graduate of Temple University Dental College, Philadelphia, and has spent four years in preparation for his life's work. He is a young man of excellent qualities and one who will be a credit professionally and otherwise to this community.

William Sterling is a salesman of dental supplies for a Philadelphia house, and was interested in his young friend being well located.

### G. T. V. School Notes.

Community Day at Spring Mills, Friday, October 12th. Health program, poultry judging contest for men and women, speaking, band, one-act play, athletic contests, games, races, and chicken supper are some of the features of the day. The Vocational School invites the citizens of the community to spend October 12 at Spring Mills.

The Gregg Township Vocational School soccer team won their second game of the season from the Millheim High school team at Millheim last Friday by the score of 4 to 0. The G. T. V. S. team has shut out the first two teams they have met this season.

### Ben Eiters.

Ben Eiters is a youth of eleven years, normal in every way, of medium complexion. Ben told a story of woe; He had no home; was given no care by his parents; was without a place to sleep or eat; carried his entire wardrobe, shabby at that, on his back. It was this he told John H. Detweiler, who now lives on Nittany Mountain Top. Mr. Detweiler has a big heart for boys in Ben's predicament, and accordingly made provision (temporarily at least) for the youth on his farm on which Morris Bryan is tenant. Ben now has shelter and food.

This lad tells varying stories, and to date it is not certain just where he hauls from but it may be the Runville section. He has acquaintance with names of many persons of more or less prominence in the county, and knows of nearly every section. He may be a youthful rover. He is of kindly disposition, intelligent, clean.

### Dr. S. H. Rothrock Dead.

Dr. Samuel H. Rothrock, 76, a physician in Mifflin county for 46 years and a former legislator, died at his home in Reedsville on Friday.

He is survived by two sons, Stewart, of Los Angeles, and Dr. Arthur, superintendent of Government hospitals at Honolulu, and one daughter, Mrs. Earl Barr, of Reedsville.

### Election Ballots Largest Ever.

The official ballot to be used at the election November 6th is the largest ever used in the State. The size is 22 by 33 inches.

The ballot carries eight party squares and the electors for seven Parties which qualified for a place on the ballot were the Republican, Democratic, Labor, Prohibition, American, Industrial, Socialist and Workers' Communist. The American party has no presidential electors and the Industrial but two.

Squares for United States Senator, State Treasurer, Auditor General, Judge of the Superior Court, Congress, State Senate and House also are carried.

Printing of the fourteen proposed amendments to the Constitution is responsible for the unusual size of the ballot.

## Vote For Smith Is Worth \$50 An Acre to Farmer, Says Republican Banker

KANKAKEE, Ill.—“Fifty dollars per acre for your vote!”

That slogan in big black type is appearing in local newspapers at the head of full page advertisements which are being paid for by F. G. Snow, local farmer and banker.

Mr. Snow, one of the leading Republicans in the community, points out that farm lands on the average are worth \$50 less an acre than they were seven years ago and calls upon all Republicans to repudiate Hoover and the Coolidge policies. He said: “Though I have always been a strong Republican, I would be a second Benedict Arnold to the people who patronize my bank if I supported this year. The prayer of the farmer today is not for rain but for the election of Al Smith.”

“As the head of a large bank in the farming district I daily come into contact with numerous farmers who face ruinous conditions. The advertisement is my contribution to defeat Herbert Hoover, the farmer's arch enemy and the very man who was responsible for maintaining the fixed prices on wheat and hogs, to the disadvantage of the farmer, during the war.”

“I have had many requests from Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana for permission to reprint it.” In the advertisement, Mr. Snow said: “Mr. Hoover, in pre-war days every acre of good land was worth from \$25 to \$75 more per acre than it is worth today, and for what reason? Farmers are now paying a tariff protected price for nearly everything they buy, and because of a small surplus, are compelled to sell what they produce at prices unprotectable by the tariff, for their tariff is absolutely ineffective because of a small surplus.”

“Nearly four years ago Mr. Coolidge was elected President on a platform containing a strong farmer-aid plank. Since his election he has done nothing to relieve the depressed agricultural conditions, but has twice vetoed a farm-aid McNary-Haugen bill which was backed by a united agriculture, and twice approved by Congress.

### CALE CLUB ROUND-UP.

### \$400.00 in Prizes Distributed Among Boys Who Raised Purebred Holstein Calves.

The first annual round-up of the Logan Holstein Calf Club was held in a grove on the farm of Merrill Weaver near Bellefonte, on Saturday of last week. This boys' and girls' calf club is being sponsored by a committee of the Logan Grange made up of members in the Bellefonte vicinity, of which Roy Swartz of Bellefonte is chairman and is acting as club leader.

The members of the Grange held a community picnic in connection with the calf club round-up. The picnic was well attended and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. This calf club was organized last spring with a membership of 18 boys and girls in the vicinity of Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte. Through the co-operation of R. C. Blaney, County Agricultural Agent, purebred Holstein calves were secured for each of the members. The boys and girls have fed and cared for these calves during the summer, and in order that the community might see what the boys and girls are doing, the calves were brought together for the annual round-up. Winners of the contest were decided on the following basis: 40 per cent was allowed for the way the animals were placed in the ring; 50 per cent on the condition and the way the animal was cleaned up and fitted for the show, and the way its owner showed it; ten per cent for the record books, which each member was to turn in. The calves were judged by R. R. Welsh, of the dairy extension department at State College, and the scoring was handled by A. B. Bingham of the boys' and girls' club department at State College. Mr. Welsh commented favorably on the way the boys and girls fitted their calves for show and on their sportsmanship. \$400.00 in prize money and ribbons for the first ten places were presented by the Centre County Bankers' Association. The prizes were presented by W. C. Smeltzer, vice president of the Farmers National Bank at Bellefonte. In presenting the prizes Mr. Smeltzer told the boys and girls that the Centre County Bankers' Association is very anxious to assist them in their work of this kind as they are the future generation of the farm. The following is a list of the prize winners and their scores:

1. Louise Corman, Bellefonte.....87
2. Malcolm Swartz, Bellefonte.....85½
3. Norman Jodon, Bellefonte.....85
4. Helen Weaver, Bellefonte.....82½
5. Gerald Zimmerman, Bellefonte 92
6. Effie Keller, Bellefonte.....91
7. Kenneth Smeltzer, Bellefonte.....90
8. Blair Fetzer, Bellefonte.....88½
9. James Biddle, Bellefonte.....88
10. Kenneth Ishler, Pleasant Gap 85½
11. Paul Corman, Bellefonte.....86½
12. Dale Brooks, Bellefonte.....86
13. Charles Tibbens, Bellefonte.....85½
14. Paul Zimmerman, Bellefonte.....85
15. Arthur Hartle, Bellefonte.....74½
16. Walter Rice, Bellefonte.....74
17. Norman Rice, Bellefonte.....73½

### County Vocational Supervisor Has Organized Classes.

The County Vocational Supervisor has organized classes in Agriculture in the following High schools of Centre county: Centre Hall, Howard, Hubersburg, Port Matilda, Boalsburg and Spring township.

Each boy taking the agricultural work, which is optional to all boys of the High School, is required to carry an agricultural project of some nature which relates to the work being taught in class. In some cases the boys will take the Lome flock of chickens as their project, others will take sheep, others will take gardening, etc. The project simply serves as a practical problem for the boy in which he can actually do the things he has been taught to do in his class-room work.

The following figures show the distribution of pupils taking the agricultural work in the six High schools mentioned above:

Freshmen, 34; sophomore, 28; junior, 22; senior, 3; total, 87.

High schools, other than those mentioned above, have applied for the agricultural work but have been turned down because the County Supervisor is unable to handle any more.

### Rev. Hazen Goes to Lock Haven.

Rev. C. E. Hazen, who has been on the Methodist field in Penna Valley with residence at Spring Mills for a period of four years, will leave for Lock Haven within a few days. He will follow Rev. J. Edward Kapler there as pastor. The field has but one appointment, and has a membership of about 300, with a Sunday school of large numbers and a Bible class of over fifty. While the pastor is wedded to his charge here, he feels himself justified in accepting the more preferable field.

The change was brought about by Rev. Lemont Heninger, at Shippensburg, resigning as pastor to take up a post-graduate course at Drew Theological Seminary. Rev. Thomas Stone, of Reedsville, has been appointed to take this field and Rev. Kapler has been transferred to Reedsville.

Up to this time a pastor to succeed Rev. Hazen has not been named.

### Peaches!

A carload of fancy New York State peaches will arrive at Bellefonte this (Thursday) morning. Will be sold direct from car—W. F. COLYER, Centre Hall.

### Hunters to Meet.

On Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Vocational school building, at Spring Mills, the Spring Mills Rod and Gun Club will hold an open meeting to discuss questions of great importance to all sportsmen. An invitation is extended to all hunters in Gregg and Potter townships and Centre Hall borough which covers the territory of the club. Charles E. Dorworth, head of the Forestry Department, and others, will be present and speak.

### No New Jail for Union.

The grand jury at its sitting for Union county made short work of the project fostered by some elements in Union county, and after a fifteen minute session with the architect who had laid plans for a jail and sheriff's residence before them, made this decision: “We, the members of the grand jury, are not in favor of building a new sheriff's residence and county jail.”

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### Call Upon All Americans to Help Fight Fire Demon.

The week of October 1 to 6 has been designated as Fire Prevention Week which all Americans, both city and country dwellers, are asked to observe in helping check the ravages of an element which takes an appalling toll of human lives and property every year. Not the least of the important factors involved in the observance of this week is that of forest fires, since they have a direct bearing upon a great national economic question, which should be the concern of all of us.

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### PASSENGER SERVICE ON L. & T. REDUCED

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company made official announcement of the reduction of passenger service on the L. & T. between Sunbury and Bellefonte. Beginning the first of October, under the fall schedule of passenger train service, the afternoon trains on the branch will be entirely abandoned. The forenoon trains will run as heretofore, the train coming from the east arriving here at 8:18, and returning from Bellefonte will arrive here at 10:50.

The proposed curtailing of the train service was strongly opposed by residents of Union county, especially the management of the Pennsylvania State Village. To pacify this element, the P. R. R. has provided that the bus drivers car schedule should be extended to Glen Iron. This car will leave Montandon at 1:55 P. M. and arrive at Glen Iron at 2:50 P. M.; returning will leave Glen Iron at 3:15 P. M., arriving at Montandon at 4:20 P. M. This will give a service on that portion of the branch road very similar to that enjoyed up to a few months ago when the radical change of schedule was made.

The afternoon trains to be abandoned are known as trains No. 8532 going west and No. 8535 going east. Both of these trains carried mail, the evening train having a regular mail car and railway postal clerk.

Instead of this service the government is about to establish mail service by auto truck between Bellefonte and Millheim, making a round trip daily. Bids were asked for such a service by the Post Office Department, the schedule being:

Leave Bellefonte at 8:00 P. M.; arrive at Millheim at 5:00 P. M.; leave Millheim at 5:10 P. M. and arrive in Bellefonte at 6:40.

A large number of persons bid to operate this route.

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### AUMAN—EUNGARD.

On Sunday evening a pretty wedding was solemnized at the Reformed parsonage by Rev. D. R. Keener when Miss Sara S. Eungard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve H. Eungard, of Spring Mills, became the wife of Arthur L. Auman. The best wishes from their many friends are with them.

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### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Union county fair is on this week.

Remember, your school tax is due on Saturday. A check drawn and delivered by that time will save a penalty.

The Union Motor company, a concern in Lewisburg in which the late J. Fred Kurtz had an interest, was sold to Walter A. Blair, also a partner in the business.

We are beginning to think that perhaps we are approaching rapidly the time when a passenger train through Penna Valley will be a novelty like it was back in the latter seventies.

Gilbert and Louis Ralston, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Ralston, living west of town, have almost completely recovered from a serious illness. The children both had an aggravated case of colitis.

Seeding to wheat, raising potatoes and cutting or topping corn are the three big numbers on the farm program at this time. A considerable acreage will be sown to wheat during October.

The Haines township schools opened the 1928-29 term with an enrollment of 183 pupils. The Lome school has 15 pupils enrolled, Woodward 36, St. Paul 21, Pine Creek 15, Wolfes Chapel 25, Aaronsburg primary 28, grammar 28, and high 19.

The electric light in this section was put out of commission during the early part of last week by a motorist driving his car against a pole and breaking the wire carrying the current. If the patrons of the West Penn always knew “what happened,” they would cuss less.

By 1930 we may have smaller license plates on our automobiles. The size of the plate will be reduced with a view of lessening the cost of manufacturing them and reducing the weight to save postage. It costs the State \$50.000 per year for plates as they are now made.

Wilbur McClellan entered the Thompson Business School at York as a student on Tuesday. The institution has an enrollment of about one hundred fifty students. The young man is a graduate of the Centre Hall High School, and will aim to make good use of his time.

Mrs. Lucy Henney has returned from the city where she made her selection of millinery goods for the fall season for her large and varied trade. She has so long served patrons of the millinery shop that she is especially qualified to make selections particularly adapted to the individual customers.

Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witmer, of Bellefonte, who was stricken with infantile paralysis a few weeks ago, was left in a badly crippled condition and there are fears she may never be able to walk. At this time, however, the disease has spent its course, and all danger of infection of others is past.

A road of about four miles in length is being built by the Forestry Department from Nevil's above Colyer, to the Fisher camp on the road leading from Reitz's Gap to Stone Valley via Bear Meadows. The road has been named Sinking Creek trail, because it follows in a general way the creek by that name. About one and one-half miles of this road will be completed this season, and the remainder next year. W. F. McKinney, the forester at the State House, has construction in hand.

There appears to be reason to suspect incendiarism and theft for the fire that early Sunday morning destroyed the chicken house on one of the Allison farms about eight miles north of Spring Mills. The farm is tenanted by H. E. Walker and he had between 100 and 150 white leghorn chickens, mostly pullets, in the building that burned. The fire was started, it is thought, about four o'clock in the morning to hide the theft of the chickens, as investigation of the ruins disclosed that no chickens perished in the flames, and they are gone.

Sunday many ministers took advantage of the opportunity under the guise of performing their religious duty to believe themselves of a long pent up political feeling due to partisan prejudice. With temperance as their subject, it was not a too far step to try to force onto their hearers their personal views on political questions, and the many reckless assertions made were results of a prejudice so long entertained that no doubt some pulpit political pastors failed to recognize it themselves. And then they wonder why so many pews before them are never occupied.

Hazing of real value to students at Mont Alto Forestry School is the order there, according to information dropped unwittingly by Clayton McKinney, who entered as a student on the four-year course offered there. “Clate” and his buddy were blindfolded and taken out one night in a car, and after riding several hours they were “walked” about the same length of time. When released they found themselves deep in the mountains. They were given twenty-five cents in cash, and relieved of their matches. The lesson to be taught was to “get out,” which the boys did the following day. They traveled north instead of south, landing at Shippensburg, between twenty-five and thirty miles north of the forestry school.