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SCALING JAIL WALL BRINGS JAIL-REFORMATORY SENTENCES

All principals in the escape of three men from the Centre county jail on July 29 were disposed of after James Thomas, 29, of Bellefonte, was found guilty by a jury of aiding Harold Walker, 19, Julian, William Spangler, 19, of Blanchard, and Glenn Sulmberger, of West Virginia to climb over the jail wall to effect their freedom.

Thomas was sentenced to pay the costs and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for six months.

Walker and Spangler, two of the fugitives, who were captured in Indianapolis, Indiana, were sent to the State Industrial School at Huntingdon for indeterminate terms.

George Spangler, brother of William, and George Thompson, of Phillipsburg, who with the fugitives were being held in jail on larceny charges in connection with the robbery of a number of service stations when the jailbreak occurred, pleaded guilty to the larceny charges. Spangler was sentenced to three months and Thompson was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail.

Rachel Strouse, 22, of near Spring Mills, charged with assisting the four boys in the series of robberies, entered a plea of guilty Tuesday, and was sentenced to serve three months in jail.

John Rice of Phillipsburg was found guilty of hit-and-run and failure to give assistance, in criminal court, and was sentenced to four months in the county jail for each offense, sentences to run concurrently. A charge against him of manslaughter was ignored by a grand jury.

William Houtz, Lemont, was convicted on a charge of drunken driving, was sentenced to ten days in jail and a fine of \$100.

Doyle J. Wooster of Axemann drew a sentence of a fine of \$100 and costs for driving during the suspension of his license.

Court officers took Joseph Parker to jail to give him a chance to sober up before being charged with malicious mischief.

Byron E. Bartley of Port Matilda, operator of one of the cars involved in a three-car accident in which H. J. Poole of Brooklyn, N. Y., was killed near State College last December, was acquitted of manslaughter. Last-minute evidence was much in favor of Bartley, and apparently proved the turning point in his favor. It was to the effect that S. J. McMullen's car, one of several cars involved, swayed just before the accident.

Joseph "Eppie" Toner, who acted as attorney in his case in which he was charged with assault and battery against his mother, Mrs. Mary Gill, drew a guilty verdict from the court for his efforts. Toner was given ninety days in jail.

Joseph Parker, State College, who was placed in safe keeping at the jail Thursday morning, was given 30 days on charges of malicious mischief. Criminal court closed Friday afternoon, the Bartley case being the last heard.

FREE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pennsylvania's 838,000 unemployed on Department of Public Assistance rolls became eligible on Saturday for medical services at State expense.

The program, as announced by Arthur W. Howe, Jr., State Secretary of Public Assistance, will embrace service of physicians, surgeons, dentists and druggists. In every instance the recipient will be allowed to choose his own doctor, druggist or dentist. Dental work will cover only emergency extractions at this time. Nursing care has been left out of the program for the time being.

With the inauguration of the medical service program, the State enters upon the final stage of the Goodrich plan and relieves the county institution districts of the responsibility.

Under the provisions of the public assistance Act as it now reads, medical service at state expense becomes available for those on general assistance, old age and dependent children rolls, and to the blind drawing blind pensions. It does not include persons on WPA. But if a person on WPA is taken ill, is forced to quit his job and applies for reinstatement on general assistance rolls, he automatically becomes eligible for medical assistance.

LOCAL HIGH'S SOCCER SEASON OPENS SEPT. 23

The soccer schedule for 1938 of the high schools in this district is appended:

September 23—Hubersburg at Millheim; Spring Mills at Boalsburg; Logan at Centre Hall.

September 30—Millheim at Spring Mills; Boalsburg at Logan; Centre Hall at State College.

October 7—Millheim at Logan; State College at Boalsburg; Centre Hall at Hubersburg.

October 14—State College at Millheim; Boalsburg at Hubersburg; Spring Mills at Centre Hall.

October 21—Millheim at Boalsburg; Hubersburg at Spring Mills; Logan at State College.

October 28—Centre Hall at Millheim; Hubersburg at State College; Spring Mills at Logan.

November 4—Boalsburg at Centre Hall; Logan at Hubersburg; State College at Spring Mills.

Note: One new team, Logan, has been added this year.

Each team is idle one date during the season. Centre Hall has an open date on October 21.

TYPHOID FEVER CASES IN SUGAR VALLEY INCREASING

Thursday of last week the following information was sent out from Sugar Valley:

With three Sugar Valley residents already stricken by typhoid fever, two more persons were reported Wednesday night to be undergoing treatment for what physicians believed may be additional cases.

Harry Welshans, Jr., Booneville, became ill this week. His physicians said Wednesday that he shows many symptoms of typhoid. The diagnosis will be completed this morning, when Welshans is scheduled to be removed to the Lock Haven hospital.

Mrs. Gordon Miller, Selona, was admitted to the Lock Haven hospital Wednesday. It is feared that she too may be suffering from typhoid.

Mrs. Miller is an aunt of Betty Welshans, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Welshans, Booneville, and one of the previous typhoid victims.

Others who had already contacted the fever were Martin Schrack, local teacher, and his mother, Mrs. Tillie Schrack.

No completely satisfactory explanation of the source of the typhoid bacteria has been advanced. Sugar Valley residents said. Some contamination was found in the Booneville and Greenburr reservoirs, which were inspected by state and county health officials.

HOME-COMING SERVICE EGG HILL CHURCH, SUNDAY

At the Home-coming services to be held at the Egg Hill Evangelical church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. R. A. Babcock, pastor of the Rebersburg Evangelical church, will preach the sermon.

CHISELER GETS \$2400 FROM RELIEF; GOT JAIL SENTENCE

Mrs. Rebecca Williams, characterized by Public Assistance officials as the State's No. 1 chiseler, in Philadelphia, was sentenced to jail until she repays \$2400 she obtained illegally in relief funds.

Sentence was imposed by Judge Theodore Rosen after the woman pleaded guilty of taking money for the last six years while she was employed as a maid in a doctor's office.

GOV. EARLE SIGNS BILL FOR MEDICAL CARE

Governor George H. Earle signed the Act of 1938 placing upon the State the responsibility of providing medical care for the needy.

The Department of Assistance estimated this will cost \$3,000,000 a year.

Joseph Hartley Buys Lot; Will Build On Allison St.

Joseph Hartley purchased a building lot 50x200 feet on the south side of Allison street, Centre Hall, immediately opposite where his father, Levi Hartley lives. The lot is No. 2 in what is known as the Bartholomew Addition, near Centre Hall railroad station. The price paid was \$250.00. Mr. Hartley expects to erect a home on the site.

The sale was made by E. Dale Fisher, realtor, Lewistown.

Schoolboy Patrol Organized, C. Wm. Boozer, Jr., Capt.

The American Automobile Association in Centre county is sponsoring a Schoolboy Patrol in Centre Hall with C. William Boozer, Jr., 8th grade, as captain, who will have three patrolmen under him. The patrolmen are Dean Weaver, 8th grade, Thomas Noll, 7th grade, Huling Bressler, 6th grade. The appointments are for one month, when other groups will follow.

Crossings where the patrolmen will aim to guide grade pupils safely through traffic are at the grade school building; at the intersection of Hoffer and Church streets; and at the intersection of Church and Main streets on the diamond, at the noon hour and 4:00 p. m.

Bartges' Band Schedules

Wednesday, September 21, at Sunbury (parade).

Friday, September 23, at Lewistown (parade).

Saturday, September 24, Laurelton State Village, concert.

Sunday, September 25, Voneda State Park; concert.

Mrs. Burd's Hat Shop, Millheim

At Mrs. Lenore V. Burd's Hat Shop you will always find hats of style and quality to please you. Also an attractive line of cheap hats.—East Main Street, Millheim.

Farmers in this particular section are well on with seeding wheat, but of course the work is not nearly completed. The conditions during the past two weeks have been ideal for sprouting the grain and getting the plants through the top soil. Some fields are already beginning to show a velvety green, so much desired by the farmer.

The weevil is working in many wheat bins on this year's crop. It has not been determined whether the weevil is also operating in unthreshed grain. If it is discovered to be, the sooner threshing is done the less the destruction by the insect.

Centre Hall-Potter School District Takes Action to Establish Jr. High

NEW 4-ROOM BUILDING TO BE ANNEXED TO PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING; TWO UNFINISHED ROOMS IN PRESENT SCHOOL TO BE COMPLETED; AT LEAST THREE NEW COURSES OF STUDY TO BE ADDED.

Centre Hall borough and Potter Township are in complete harmony in the matter of increased school facilities in the State's program for larger school units and better advantages for school children.

On Saturday night a resolution was adopted by the Centre Hall-Potter School Board to enlarge their high school plant by the addition of another building unit of four large rooms, with the possibility of a basement suitable for a work shop, and the finishing and equipping of the two still remaining unfinished rooms in the present high school building.

The building project will be under the PWA and General State Authority. Because of the few remaining days for applications to be made for projects, the joint board held a lengthy session Saturday night with Co. Supt. F. G. Rogers present, and after coming to a definite conclusion to carry out the project, got in touch with Dean E. Kennedy, State College architect, who came to the board meeting and sat until midnight with the members to discuss plans for the new building.

Most persons are familiar with the changes being made in the public school system. Larger units are now being made mandatory by the State. It has come to the point where better school facilities must be provided, or else. The "else" in the case means that backward-going districts will find their schools closed in a few years and pupils transported to schools which are in step with school progress.

Centre Hall and Potter Township find the school districts on all sides of them taking advantage of the building program and increasing school plants to the limit, adding courses of study, for which students may express a desire, and finding unattainable in their home district may elect to attend such schools having these courses. Consequently, to forestall such eventuality, in addition to desiring to keep in step with educational progress, the history-making step is taken.

The proposed addition will provide for a Junior High, taking in 7th and 8th grade pupils from both borough and township. High school enrollment would probably reach 250. New courses to be added would include commercial, home economics, and agricultural vocation, with a complete shop. At least three teachers will be added.

The plan of financing is such as to be almost incredible in its lightness of burden to local taxpayers. It is this: Under the Federal PWA, the National Government will contribute 45 per cent as an outright grant to the district, with no strings attached. The remaining 55 per cent, under the Thompson Act, will be loaned to the district by the State, and annual payments by the district, as rent, in thirty years will repay the total indebtedness, when the building will be turned over to the local school district.

Assuming the cost of the new school building to be \$50,000 (a figure undoubtedly representing the highest estimate, which figure by the way includes all school furnishings), it will be seen that 45 per cent, of \$22,500, will be a gift under the PWA arrangement. The remaining \$27,500 will be borrowed at a rate of not quite 6 1/2 per cent, which includes all charges. This would seem to be an annual figure of \$1772. However, according to the local district's classification with the State on the basis of property valuation to number of teachers employed, a "credit" of approximately 55 per cent is allowed on \$1772, which means that for a \$50,000 building approximately only \$800 a year rental will be charged. This rental figure will be borne by the borough and township districts equally.

It is obvious that such an opportunity will never come again to the local school district. It is being seized by districts all over the State. In fact, 1000 new school units are contemplated under the Thompson plan. State College borough got off to an early start with a \$855,000 project, the largest in the State. Phillipsburg, Bellefonte, Millheim, Gregg Township, and Harris Township are only a few of the great number to express a desire to improve school facilities.

CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, BLOOMSBURG, 24TH

One of the three fall conferences on Christian Education scheduled by the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be held in Bloomsburg, Saturday, September 24. The theme is "The Christian Challenge to the Modern World."

The conference covers four classes: East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Schuylkill and Wyoming. There will be two sessions, forenoon and afternoon. The morning session will be devoted to Methods in Children's Groups. The first speaker is Fay McClellan, Lock Haven, on "Methods with Beginners in the Small School."

Other speakers in this division are Gladys Mathias, Allentown, and Marguerite Shanabrough, Lancaster.

The second division speaker are Patty Sando, Millersburg; Rev. Jerome A. Wenner, Millersville; Rev. Delas R. Keener, Centre Hall; Rev. Willard A. Kratz, Catsaqua; Rev. E. L. Schillingman, Ottsville.

P. T. A. MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 26, AUDITORIUM

The Centre Hall-Potter Parent-Teachers' Association will hold its first fall meeting on Monday, September 26, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Mrs. Harry Potter, the new president, has announced.

An informal meeting, centering around the needs of the school, is planned by the program committee of which Mrs. Bruce Arney is chairman.

David I. Graybill will play an instrumental solo and James A. Myers will sing. A social hour, including light refreshments, will follow.

This meeting is open to everyone, particularly parents, whether they are members or not.

PENN STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR FALL SEASON

Penn State opens its 1938 football season at home, October 1, when they meet Maryland. The remainder of the schedule follows:

- October 8—Bucknell, at home.
- October 15—Lehigh, away.
- October 22—Cornell, away.
- October 29—Syracuse, at home.
- November 5—Lafayette, at home.
- November 12—Pennsylvania, away.
- November 19—Pittsburgh, away.

FARM TENANTS SHIFTING; SOME RETIRE, OTHERS BEGIN

After a tenancy of nine years on the Huston farm John Rimmer expects to vacate it next spring when he will move onto his own farm, the Rimmer homestead, near the Potter-Harris township line west of Tusseyville. The Rimmer farm contains 95 acres of tillable land. Mr. Rimmer has owned the place for a few years and in the meantime has made a number of improvements to the building, fences, etc.

The Huston farm will be tenanted by Henry Zerby, who at present is farming one of the J. W. Zerby farms in the Penns Cave area. Mr. Zerby and his landlord, D. K. Keller, will farm on the 50-50 plan. Mrs. Zerby will be recalled as Margaret Delaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Delaney.

Another farmer to vacate a farm after a long tenancy is Charles Frazier, on the F. M. Fisher farm in Brush Valley along State Highway Route No. 95. Mr. Frazier is abandoning the farm due to ill health. He has nothing in view for the future.

Daniel Bohn will quit farm life next spring and move from the Brockerhoff farm, near Old Fort, to his property in Centre Hall, where he and Mrs. Bohn will live in retirement. During his tenancy on the Brockerhoff farm he greatly increased its productivity. The farm will be taken over by Wallace Bohn, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bohn. He is single at this time but he and a certain young lady down the way are waiting—waiting only for a bit more time to pass before joining the benedicts.

Lester Rossman, tenant on the Meeker heirs' farm, near Potters Mills, will succeed Orvis Richardson on the Peacock farm at Centre Hall. Mr. Richardson, it is understood, has leased a farm in Penn township, in the vicinity of Coburn.

CARS COLLIDE

Between one and two o'clock Monday morning two cars collided on Route 53 between the Garbrick and Hartley properties, in Centre Hall, resulting in an injury to one of the car operators, John Hettinger, son of Harry Hettinger, east of Centre Hill along Sinking Creek. The eye of the young man was badly injured. He was the only occupant of the car. The second car was operated by Thomas Caldwell, with whom there were two passengers, neither of whom was injured. Both cars were badly damaged, the Hettinger car having been reduced to junk.

Richard Luse came along almost immediately after the accident and conveyed Mr. Hettinger to the Centre County hospital.

The cars were traveling in opposite directions when they met, the Hettinger car coming down the mountain. The circumstances under which the accident occurred have not been determined.

CENTRE HALL BOY TO HEAD PENN STATE'S SOCCER TEAM

Four Centre county boys—three from State College and the other from Centre Hall—are expected to play a prominent part in Penn State's 1938 soccer season as Bill Jeffrey's booters seek their sixth straight undefeated season.

Fred Spyker of Centre Hall will captain the soccer team from his half-back position.

The Penn State soccer team has not lost a game since 1932, when Syracuse turned the trick. Only four ties have been recorded since that time.

GARDEN CLUB TO BE GUEST OF STATE COLLEGE CLUB

The Garden Club of Centre Hall is invited to be the guest of the State College Garden Club, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, September 27, in the Episcopal Parish House, State College. Any member wishing to attend the meeting please communicate with the local secretary, Mrs. Isabel Bradford.

BARN NEAR LEWISBURG BURNED; LOSS, \$6000

A large barn belonging to Herman Sauer, near Lewisburg, was burned to the ground when a spark from a threshing engine set fire to straw. The summer's crops were all destroyed. The livestock was removed from the barn. The loss is estimated at \$6,000.00.

The Lewisburg fire company saved the dwelling house and outbuildings. The fire occurred on Saturday, just before noon.

It was the fourth barn in the community to be burned within four weeks.

The incident calls to mind that on Saturday it was a year since the Rhone barn west of Centre Hall, Mrs. Cloyd Brooks, tenant, was burned in a similar manner to the Sauer barn.

A Cumberland county judge fined a bingo operator \$50.00 after a plea of guilty. The judge announced that future operators of bingo games would receive heavier sentences in his court.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The interior of the Coldiron pool-room has been improved by repainting and otherwise.

Miss Eleanor McMullen of Millheim last week became a student in Potters Business College, Williamsport.

The roller owned by Gregg township has been leased from the supervisors by Centre Hall borough to be used in constructing School street.

Ralph Neff, of Oak Hall Station, son of Mrs. Mary Neff, was a patient in the Centre County hospital recently due to an infection of the hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Houser are now occupying their home in Centre Hall recently acquired by purchase from Mrs. Margaret Strohm.

The Philip Bailey home in Millheim was purchased by H. S. Neese, a Millheim resident. The home is one of recent construction, with modern improvements.

G. Franklin Stover, son of L. E. Stover, Millheim, teacher in State College high school, is taking a course in Columbia University, New York City, in preparation of his doctor's degree. He will resume teaching beginning of February.

Paul Herman of Lewisburg, a nephew of H. F. Erdley, cashier of the First National Bank, who is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Erdley, is a sophomore at Penn State, in the Civil Engineering department, and is commuting.

Merchants, especially those dealing in holiday goods, are agitating changing the date for obtaining license plates for motor cars to some later date. They claim such a change would release millions of dollars for holiday shoppers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stover, Ella Worth and Carrie Stover and Miss Dorothy Garret of Ebersburg motored to Philadelphia last Wednesday to the Wills-Eye Hospital where Miss Carrie received treatment for her eyes. They returned the same day.

State College voters are petitioning for a third election division, probably to be known as the North Division. The East and West divisions now have a voting population of 2400. The Centre county court will hear argument on the petition on Wednesday, September 28.

Two weeks ago the Reporter received an unsigned communication reciting a tragedy committed in Detroit, the principals having close connections in both Penns and Nittany Valleys. While the allegations might be true, the Reporter was obliged to omit the story since no one vouched for its truth.

Robert Gerhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hurst, of town, entered West Virginia University, at Morgantown, as a student. He is a graduate of Centre Hall-Potter high school but was one of more than 2400 applicants for admission to the 1938 Freshman class at Penn State who could not be accommodated.

Prof. and Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, their son and daughter-in-law and granddaughter, were guests over the weekend of Mrs. Wetzel's sister, Mrs. Russell Seeholtz, and family, at Columbia. Prof. Wetzel motored on to Harrisburg where he was in conference with the State Department of Education.

F. P. Geary, local barber, for the past week or more has had two reservations for a world's series ball game in Pittsburgh, based on an optimistic viewpoint regarding the Pirates' chances for winning the pennant in the National League, which chances while promising are by no means sure.

Miss Thelma Scholl, accompanied by her sister, Miss Hazel Scholl, went to Chicago, where the former is a student in a school of Chirophy. Miss Hazel will take up work in the Chicago Art School and the University of Chicago for the term opening this fall. The ladies are daughters of Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Scholl, Millheim.

Gerald T. Evey of Watonsontown began his new duties Monday as a representative for the Prudential Insurance Company. Mr. Evey, whose territory will include Pleasant Gap, Centre Hall, Boalsburg, Penn and Brush valleys, was formerly connected with the Sheffield Creamery at Watonsontown. Mr. Evey and family plan to make their home in Centre Hall.

Theodore Cherry, a retired railroad engineer, following a second stroke, continues in very delicate health at his home in Bellefonte. On Thursday he celebrated his eighty-first birthday. Mr. Cherry was an engineer on the L. & T. for a number of years, on both passenger and freight trains. He is a son of Samuel Cherry, also an engineer in the early history of the local branch.

R. S. Hagan and Garman Matter of Centre Hall, Eimer Decker of Bellefonte, and John W. Decker of Spring Mills motored to Wilkes-Barre early Saturday morning to attend a meeting of Dodge and Plymouth salesmen, opening in that city at 8:30 a. m. of that day. The Deckers are direct sales agents for the cars named, while Mr. Hagan conducts an associate agency with Mr. Matter as salesman.

NOTICE
This Store will be closed all day and evening, Monday and Tuesday, September 26th and 27th, account of Jewish holidays.
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