

Local Man In \$114,500 Suit

A. P. Kiefer Defendant as Indorser of Robert Lee Harrison Note

Involving a claim for \$114,500 on a judgment note made out by Robert Lee Harrison, the case of Ross Lynn, an attorney of New York City, against Adam P. Kiefer of Wilkes-Barre, went on trial before Judge B. R. Jones and a jury in common pleas court Tuesday.

The suit is against Mr. Kiefer as indorser on the note, and the plaintiff represents Percy A. Brown, Herman Mailander and Roscoe Miller, prominent local business men, who had financial transactions with Harrison. The latter was a prominent figure in social and financial circles here in 1929, was married here, but was recently arrested and convicted of larceny in New York City, and is now serving a sentence at Sing Sing prison.

Attorney Frank Slattery, Sr., in opening the case to the jury, outlined what they expected to prove, in substance that Ross Lynn, a New York attorney, was plaintiff representing Percy A. Brown, Herman Mailander and Roscoe Miller, prominent local business men, who had made investments during 1929 with Robert Lee Harrison, a New York broker who came here in the summer of 1929 to attend a wedding of a relative of Mr. Kiefer, that the latter introduced the local men to Harrison and vouched for the latter.

Mr. Slattery stated that Harrison was a friend of Mr. Kiefer, that the latter resided for a time on Park avenue, New York, had an office there and was an official of the Woolworth Co., and also had a home here at Shrineview, Dallas township. That Harrison married a step-daughter of Mr. Miller here on July 18, 1929, and later opened an office in Wilkes-Barre.

Attorney Slattery said they would show that Messrs. Brown, Mailander and Miller placed money in the hands of Harrison for investment, with the knowledge of Mr. Kiefer, and that the latter in November and December, 1929, they made demands for a return of their money they were put off, and that Mr. Kiefer assured them they

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Completes Work On Meridian Hall

Raising of Ceiling Will Allow Regulation Basketball Games—Three Teams To Play There.

Work on the reconstruction of Meridian Hall to put it in shape for regulation basketball games this winter is about completed. Last season the teams that played there were handicapped by low ceilings but this season Mr. Sullivan, owner of the building, is having the interior reconstructed and the ceilings raised so that the teams will no longer be faced with the old handicap.

Four steel "I" beams have been placed through the roof of the building at an expense of about \$600. Support of the roof has been taken from the interior struts and placed on these beams which rest on concrete pillars constructed outside the building. The installation of the beams makes it possible to remove all of the interior supports thus allowing the heightening of the interior.

The hall has also been given an exterior coat of paint and an artistic enclosure has been built around the front of the building. In its present condition the hall houses, lockers, shower rooms for visiting and home teams, thoroughly equipped kitchen, lounging rooms, and private dining room.

During the winter months three basketball teams representing Dallas will have the use of the hall. There will be a Men's Varsity Meridian Team, a junior varsity team and a girls' team. Dancing will follow all of the games.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. C. E. Fiske and family wish to thank all those who assisted them during their recent bereavement, those kind neighbors and friends who furnished automobiles and sent flowers and those who expressed their sympathy at the death of a kind and loving husband and father.

THREE PLAYERS INJURED

Three Kingston township football players suffered more or less serious injuries in a game with Lehman high school Wednesday afternoon. Earl Bennett received a compound fracture of the arm; Spencer Holmgren a sprained ankle, and Erwin Kitchen severe head injuries being knocked out for a considerable length of time. All of the injured were treated by Dr. Brown of Lehman and were later removed to their homes. The ground on which the game was played was very rough. Lehman won 26-0.

Tannery Aids Unemployed

Following instructions issued from its Chicago office, J. K. Mosser Tanning company at Noxen this week put all men on an 8-hour work schedule. Heretofore many men have been working more than an eight-hour shift. The new ruling will make it possible to give a considerable number of local men work, thus aiding in the relief of unemployment.

Local Man Kills Large Hellbender

Brings it Home, Too, Just to Prove That He Wasn't "Seeing Things"

Fred Turpin, Dallas sportsman is displaying a 25-inch Hellbender or salamander which he killed in front of his cabin at White's Ferry along the Susquehanna river on Sunday.

The Hellbender is the largest member of the salamander family and superficially resembles a lizard. The salamander is, however, scaleless and has a smooth moist black skin. Although these creatures are vicious in appearance they are nevertheless harmless and among certain groups of persons are considered a food delicacy. They are chiefly aquatic, feeding on aquatic worms, insects and other small animals and plants. Frequently they leave the water and live in dark damp places along the river banks.

In recent years these amphibians, creatures able to live on both land and water, have become quite numerous in the Susquehanna river, so much so that bathers have feared them and thinking them poisonous have refused to swim in the water. Frequent references to Susquehanna salamanders are found in the journals of early explorers who traveled the Susquehanna river before the time of the settlement of Wyoming Valley, so that the appearance of Hellbenders or Salamanders is not a new thing in this region.

Mr. Turpin, being a lover of nature and one who travels frequently, in the woods and along the streams of the region has seen many interesting and unusual phenomena of nature this year. His stories have frequently been scoffed at by listeners. This time to prove that he wasn't seeing things and to put the scoffers in their places once for all, he determined to bring the Salamander home with him as proof. He will have it mounted and put on display in one of the store windows on Main street.

Council Retains Police Officer

Officer Elston Retained For Remainder of Year at Re- duction in Salary

At its meeting on Tuesday night Dallas borough Council voted to retain the services of Officer Elwood Elston at a salary of \$100 a month until the first of the year and also paid bills to the amount of \$1,602.

In discussing the matter of police protection during the winter months, an alternative was offered to the plan of having a full time officer. Councilman Elmer Parrish made a motion seconded by Councilman Hildebrandt that an officer be elected at \$45 a month to serve as traffic officer during the periods of the day when school children use the Main street crossing. On vote of the members this motion was voted down. A second motion calling for the election of Officer Elston at a reduction of salary of \$25 a month was passed, Councilmen Reed, Franklin, Garrahan and Kunkle voting in favor and Councilmen Parrish and Hildebrandt opposed.

The committee on street lights reported that lights are in good condition and that there is no necessity for changing or installing lights on Pine Crest avenue or Main street.

There was considerable discussion regarding payment of bill for 8,000 gallons of road oil when only 6,000 gallons were ordered. It was pointed out by street commissioner Daddow that there was little cause for complaint on the quality of oil purchased since the oil was for binder purposes and far more suitable for that work than asphalt which is simply used as a surface coat. Motion for payment of the bill was passed.

The financial condition of Dallas borough, even in view of its extensive road building program, is better today than it has been in some years thus attesting to the efficiency of the men who are directing the affairs of Dallas borough Council. On January 6, 1930 the borough had in its treasury \$7,043.46, during the course of the year \$3,000 was borrowed on short term notes, all of which have been paid off. On January 6, 1931 there was \$5,804 in the borough treasury and \$2,000 was later borrowed on short term notes. During 1931 a Ford truck was purchased for the use of the street department. How this truck has saved the borough money is shown in the following figures: cost of truck hire in 1930, \$1,180; a total first cost and expense on the borough truck to date \$937.32 or a saving of \$242.68, in truck hire during 1931 leaving the borough with a truck of its own for all future road work.

Parents Hear Talk On World Subjects.

Township Parent-Teacher Association Holds Largest Meeting Since its Organi- zation

Dallas township Parent-Teacher Association held one of the largest meetings since its organization on Monday night in the Vocational school building when more than 100 persons were present to hear Rev. G. Elson Ruff of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Shavertown, speak on "World Citizenship."

The school band under the direction of Professor Rich, gave a number of pleasing selections. Mrs. Hildebrandt called the meeting to order promptly at 7:45, all reciting the Lord's prayer. Reports of secretary and treasurer followed and the treasurer received dues.

Mrs. Moyle delighted all with a solo then followed a trio by Professor Maurice Girton and sons Fred and Charles, they were accompanied at the piano by Miss Love. Mrs. Moyle then sang another selection following which the speaker of the evening, Rev. G. Elson Ruff of Shavertown, gave an interesting talk on "World Citizenship."

Following refreshments arrangements were made to hold a Halloween Party at Mrs. John Girvan's home on Claude street on Tuesday evening, October 27, at 8 o'clock. Admission will be 25c this will include refreshments which the committee will solicit. There will be games and old fashioned dancing. Prizes will be awarded for the most elaborate and most ridiculous costumes. It is hoped that all will mask. Proceeds from the party will go to the P. T. A. and a large crowd is looked for.

That the township is proud of its P. T. A. is shown by the crowds that come from a distance to attend the meetings. Dues for the year are 50c per family this means one year of good entertainment which benefits parents and teachers and children as well as it enables all to have a closer understanding of each other. The next meeting will be held at the school building, Monday evening, November 16, at 7:45 sharp.

Local Rotary Club To Visit Hazelton

Next Wednesday Dallas Rotary Club and wives will attend a Rotary Inter-City Halloween party with forty-eight other clubs as the guests of Hazelton Rotary Club.

The local club will leave Dallas Wednesday evening at 7 by bus. The luxurious new club bus of the Martz Bus company has been engaged for transportation and forty persons have already signified their intention of going with the group.

At its meeting on last Thursday night, William McIntyre of Sordoni Construction company and member of the local club, spoke on Rotary and its Public Relations.

He spoke of many things which the club as a body can sponsor in the community and how individual Rotarians as citizens could lend their efforts in backing and furthering many civic and community enterprises.

Cooperative Leaders To Meet At College

Leaders of Pennsylvania cooperative associations will meet for their sixth annual conference at the Pennsylvania State College, November 5th and 6th.

Wholesale and retail milk marketing by local associations, the marketing of fruits and vegetables, and better dairy farm management through a cooperative livestock association are some of the subjects which will be discussed by the conference. Cooperative marketing through a buying association will also be discussed by the conference. Membership problems, patronage dividends, taxes, and legal matters affecting cooperatives will also be presented to the conference for discussion. The tentative program follows:—

Thursday, November 5, 1931—1:30 p. m.—Address of welcome—Dr. F. P. Weaver, head, department of agricultural economics, the Pennsylvania State College; Election of chairman for conference; Problems in Cooperative Retail Milk Marketing, W. H. McGranahan, manager, Kane Dairy Cooperative Association; Problems in Cooperative Wholesale Milk Marketing—Milton Miller, manager, Cooperative Farmers Union, Pen Argyl, Pa.; A Financial Analysis of Local Cooperative Associations in Pennsylvania for 1930—Frank E. Manning, specialist, agricultural economics extension, the Pennsylvania State College.

Friday, November 6, 1931, 9:00 a. m.—The Service Rendered by a County Livestock Association—Howard J. Martin, manager Crawford County Cooperative Dairy Improvement Association, Meadville, Pa.; Patronage Dividends and Taxes for Cooperatives—E. A. Hanemann, Market Analyst, Bureau of Markets, Harrisburg, Pa.; Services Offered by the Federal Farm Board to Fruit and Vegetable Growers in Pennsylvania—Walter Maule, secretary, Mushroom Growers Cooperative Association, Kennett Square, Pa. Friday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock—Organization and Management of Cooperative Oil Association in Minnesota—(Continued on Page 4)

Past Grands To Meet Here

The I. O. O. F. Past Grands Association of Luzerne County will hold its monthly meeting with Oneida Lodge No. 371, at Dallas, Monday evening, October 26. An interesting program has been arranged. The speaker will be Rev. Paul S. Wright, pastor of Firwood Church of Christ. All Odd Fellows are invited. Hon. Willard G. Shortz, president of the association, will preside. The Dallas Quartette will sing.

Cast Is Selected For Lehman Drama

'Who Killed Earl Wright?' Takes Directly From Ac- tual Murder Trial.

The well known and impressive court trial entitled, "Who Killed Earl Wright?" which portrays an actual murder trial, will be held, as previously in the Lehman M. E. Church on Monday evening, October 26, at 8:00 o'clock.

This program is under the direction of Rev. S. M. Short, Harrisburg, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. Twenty-four of the twenty-six characters are well known local people.

All local arrangements have been completed, including selection of the cast, which will be as follows:

Bailiff, James Jones; Prosecuting Attorney, S. M. Short; Mrs. Earl Wright, Mrs. Beatrice Wright; Children of Earl Wright, Ethel Wright and Rebecca Wright; Counsel for Defense, R. C. Havens; Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. A. A. Neely; Judge, R. B. Shaver; Bootlegger, Alfred Ray; Sheriff, F. R. Seafoss; Defendant, Howard Crosby; Court Reporter, Frances Zimmerman; Mrs. French, Mrs. Alfred Rice; Dr. George W. Coos, Coroner, Lester A. Squier.

Jurors: H. P. Riley, W. R. Neely, George Shupp, Marion Major, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Anna Bond, Mr. George Rice, C. J. Brown, Mrs. E. R. Parrish, L. U. Case, Hendrick Gregory, O. I. Whitesell.

Astonishingly large crowds are regularly attracted to the trial. It is unlikely that Lehman will be an exception. No admission will be charged. The trial will start promptly at eight o'clock.

Borough Parents Hear Kis-Lyn Head

Large Audience Attends Parent-Teacher Meeting in High School Auditorium

The Parent and Teachers Meeting was held at the Dallas High School Auditorium on Monday evening, October 19th.

There were 104 parents present besides the teachers. The 4th Grade won by having the largest number of parents there. Lunch was served by the mothers of the children of the 6th Grade, which was enjoyed by all. At the next meeting, lunch will be served by the mothers of the 7th Grade. Charles F. Johnson, Superintendent of the Boy's Industrial School, or Kis-Lyn, Pennsylvania, gave a very interesting talk on the subject "Influences on Boys at School and at Home." He gave some very sad but true facts regarding the boys at his school as well as boys in the Huntington Reformatory and other schools.

Three musical selections, "Turn Ye To Me," "Santa Lucia," "Charlie Is My Darling" were sung by Alice Johnson, Elsie Johnson, Margaret Oliver, Alice Weaver, Betty Burgh, and Hope Roberts. George W. Trimble gave two vocal selections accompanying himself on a banj-o-ukulele.

A very amusing Ethiopian Debate was given by the Dramatic-Arts Club two representatives to each side on the subject of whether it is right for a Negro to steal chickens, being won by he side stating it was a sin.

The question was again brought up of furnishing Milk to the children of the first four grades who are undernourished, but no definite action was taken. Thanks were extended for the good work of the Boy Scouts in watching that the new lawn was not walked on.

The spirit of cordiality among the parents and teachers was noticeable. The next meeting which will be held on Monday evening November 16th, when Judge B. R. Jones will talk, will be attended by all parents who can possibly be there so that every meeting will be better attended than the one before.

Minstrel Rehearsal To Be Held Tonight

Members of Woods' Maile chorus will hold a rehearsal tonight in the Odd Fellows' building of the minstrel show which they will present on the night of November 11, in Dallas high school auditorium for the Underprivileged Child Fund sponsored by Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club.

Members of Wilkes-Barre symphony orchestra will make up the orchestra which will furnish accompaniment for the chorus and specialty numbers. Bert Hill is interlocutor.

Dallas Plays At Tunkhannock

Local Team Ready to Vindi- cate Itself For Defeat at Hands of Ashley

Dallas high school football team will travel to Tunkhannock today to meet the team from the Wyoming County seat. The Tunkhannock boys have made a good record this season under the able direction of Coach Russell Crosby, but Dallas expects to come home with a victory to vindicate itself for the defeat at the hands of Ashley last week.

In the Ashley game the Dallas team was distinctly outclassed by an older heavier team. It was the third victory of the season for the Wyoming Valley boys and the score of 31-0 is not indicative of the splendid fight the local team put up to win the game.

During the first half Dallas fought an uphill battle holding the score at the close of the second period to 6-0. During the last half the use of strong substitutes and capitalization of the breaks of the game gave Ashley a decided advantage.

Dallas did not play with the same assurance of the week previous and went into the game somewhat awed by the reports of the strength of the Ashley team. In tight places the field generalship of quarterback Disque of Dallas could be questioned especially when he called for a pass with Dallas holding the ball deep in Dallas territory.

The tackling of the local players was not what it should have been time after time beautiful opportunities to bring down an Ashley runner were missed because the Dallas tacklers failed to hit low enough.

The first touchdown was made by Ebedts on a spectacular line plunge, and another was made by Compton at the finish of 50-yard run. He also made another later in the game. B. Moyles ended a 70-yard run by making a touchdown. Earl Maginnis, after a reverse play, made still another.

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Cub Caught In Raccoon Trap

Game Warden Awaiting Word From Harrisburg on Disposition of Bear

A cub bear, weighing about thirty-pounds will be removed to Wilkes-Barre by Harry Meiss, game warden, from Red Rock in North Mountain. Mr. Meiss received word from a deputy game warden in that region that the cub, unusually small for this season of the year, had been caught in a raccoon trap in the North Mountain. Meiss wired Harrisburg for instructions as to what disposition should be made of the cub.

Factions Enter Borough Politics

School Director Contests Ec- lipse Interest in all Other Offices

Interest in all other political contests in Dallas borough is being eclipsed by the movement of shock troops and preparation of ammunition for the school director contests. There is a tense feeling on all sides in the community, which in the opinion of the writer, is apt to burst into flame at anytime leaving behind it a bitterness of feeling that will be hard to eradicate by those interested in the progress and development of the community.

John Jeter and Jack Roberts are being actively supported by a group eager to see Principal George T. Bowen removed from the helm of Dallas borough schools. To achieve their ends they have found evidences which they feel are grounds for ouster of the present school board.

Opposing this faction is the group backing Dr. G. K. Swartz and Clifford Space, though not as aggressive as the oppositionists this group is working hard and is formed of the staunch supports of the present board members, believing that the borough schools were never doing a better work than they are today.

In the middle of the warring factions stand the liberals who are supporting Dr. G. K. Swartz and John Jeter. They are of the opinion that these two men if elected can straighten out borough school affairs to the satisfaction of all without bitterness of feeling and to the interest of the taxpayers without a sacrifice of better schools. This group is not entirely in accord with present school management but it is seeking to accomplish its end by evolution rather than revolution.

For the most part none of the candidates have committed themselves on the way they will handle school affairs, asking only that they be allowed to hold office and investigate for themselves how school matters are being handled.

Council Contest

In the borough council contests (Continued on Page 5)

Sportsmen To Hold First Fall Meeting

The first fall meeting of the Dallas Camp 227 United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Firemen's hall.

There is general opposition to the Game Commission's recent ruling on the open season on doe deer. This ruling will be discussed at the meeting for the consideration of the club. If the club goes on record as being opposed to the ruling a resolution will be presented either to the Governor or to the State Game Commission.

It is expected that J. Q. Creveling, Esq., president of the State organization, Dr. C. A. Mortimer, State secretary, and Harry Meiss, State game protector will be in attendance. All members of the camp and others interested are urged to attend the meeting.

Local Farmers In 400 Bushel Club

First to Grow 400 Bushels of Potatoes to Acre in Leh- man Township

To Pollock and Graham, farmers near Lake Silkworth in Lehman township, goes the honor of becoming members of the Pennsylvania 400 Bushel Club with a yield of 411½ bushel per acre.

Messrs. Pollock and Graham have the honor of being the first to attain membership in the 400 Bushel Club in Lehman and the adjoining southern end townships.

In reference to the culture of this particular field, Michigan Russets, second size potatoes were planted about May 16th; the rows being 32½ inches apart and the seed ten inches apart in the row. The soil in 1929 was seeded to oats; 1930 to wheat seeded with clover; in the spring of 1931, twenty tons of manure per acre was applied, and then plowed at an approximate depth of 16 inches. At the time of planting, 1,000 pounds of 4-8-7 fertilizer was applied to the crop in the planter.

The potatoes were sprayed with liquid Bordeaux twelve times with a pressure of 300 pound.

Grand Lodge Officers To Visit Masons

Dinner at Irem Club to Pre- cede 200th Ann. Obser- vance Program Today

Officers of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. will arrive in Wilkes-Barre this afternoon and will be dinner guests at Irem Temple Country Club prior to observance of the 200th anniversary of Free Masonry in Pennsylvania at Central M. E. Church, Wilkes-Barre, tonight. Lodges of the Twelfth Masonic District will take part, representing Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Plymouth, Shickshinny, Kingston, Wyoming, Ashley, Dallas and Nanticoke.

An appropriate program in keeping with the anniversary of the order, observed last week in Philadelphia, will be carried out. The address of welcome will be given by Judge William S. McLean. A male chorus will sing. Henry S. Borneman, D. D. G. M., will speak on "200 Years of Free Masonry in Pennsylvania." Invocation will be asked by Rev. Herbert F. Randolph and benediction by Rev. Dr. Leon K. Willman.

Grand lodge officers expected to attend are: William S. Snyder, Rt. W. grand master; J. William Smith, past grand master; Louis A. Watres, past grand master; Otto R. Helligman, R. W. Sr., grand warden; Harold W. Rust, R. W. Jr., grand warden; J. Somers Smith, grand treasurer; John A. Perry, grand secretary.

Death Calls W. D. Morton

Wesley D. Morton, aged 64, of Fernbrook, died at the family home, Friday, October 16, 1931. He had been in failing health for the last four years, confined to his bed the last four weeks, was a resident of the vicinity most of his life. He was born at Dushore, September 6, 1867. Surviving him are his wife Mrs. Clara Lamoreux Morton, one daughter, Mrs. Charles Reigle of Fernbrook, two brothers, Judson, of Berwick, William, of Valley Washington, one sister, Mrs. Olin Shaver, of Shavertown, and an aunt Mrs. Lavina Preston, of Santa Monica, California. His mother's maiden name was Mattilda Fairchilds, his father was Captain David J. Morton, a veteran of the civil war.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. W. D. Morton and family wishes to thank kind friends and neighbors who helped them in their recent sorrow those who furnished cars and those who offered their services, also those who sent flowers.