

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Kingston man to stand trial for carrying weapon, altering plates

Kingston resident Michael G. Spencer, 19, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Sept. 19 before District Justice James Tupper on misdemeanor charges of carrying a prohibited offensive weapon and improper display of vehicle documents.

He was also cited for driving an unregistered vehicle, using a license plate on a vehicle it wasn't issued to and fraudulent use of a license plate.

Spencer was arrested July 23 by Lehman Twp. patrolman Jack Haley after police noticed him driving erratically on Rts. 118 and 415. During a routine records check police found that the car's license plate was issued to another vehicle and someone had removed the sticker containing its expiration date. The owner's card had also expired.

While talking with Spencer and his passengers, Haley saw a metal pipe sticking out from under the front seat. The pipe was welded to a smaller pipe to resemble a side-handle baton used in police work for riot control, but weighed more than five lbs., much more than a police baton, Haley said.

Haley was assisted by Dallas Twp. patrolman Wayman Miers and Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury.

Spencer was represented by public defender Jonathan Blum.

D.U.I. CASES SENT TO COUNTY COURT

The following D.U.I. defendants waived their rights to preliminary hearings before District Justice James Tupper Sept. 19:

• **Edwardsville resident Joseph Kardish, 33**, who was arrested June 30 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415, Main St. and Huntsville Rd., nearly colliding head-on with two oncoming cars. After failing field sobriety tests, Kardish took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .211, more than twice the legal limit of .10.

He was also cited for not using his low beam. A related citation for careless driving was dismissed. Kardish was represented by public defender Jonathan Blum.

• **Dallas resident George S. Swan, 49**, who was arrested July 21 by Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415. When first asked for his driver's license, Swan first produced a different ID card instead. After failing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .157.

Swan was represented by attorney Ferris Webby.

• **Noxen resident Philip S. Hettes, 34**, who was arrested Aug. 10 by Dallas Twp. patrolman Wayman Miers after police observed him driving erratically on Lower Demunds Road. After failing field sobriety tests, he took a breath test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .14.

Hettes waived his right to legal counsel.

• **Dallas resident Douglas Sorber, 48**, who was arrested July 13 by Lake Twp. patrolman John Young after police observed him driving erratically on Church Road. After failing field sobriety tests, he took a blood test which showed his blood alcohol level to be .104.

Sorber waived his right to legal counsel.

Young was assisted at the scene by Harveys Lake officers Karlowicz and Stubeda.

CHARGES DISMISSED

Charges of harassment and simple assault against Trucksville residents Kimberly and Robert Karavitch were dismissed Sept. 19 after each refused to testify against the other at a preliminary hearing.

They had been arrested Sept. 7 by Kingston Twp. officer Charles Rauschkolb after being involved in a domestic dispute at their Meadowcrest Drive home.



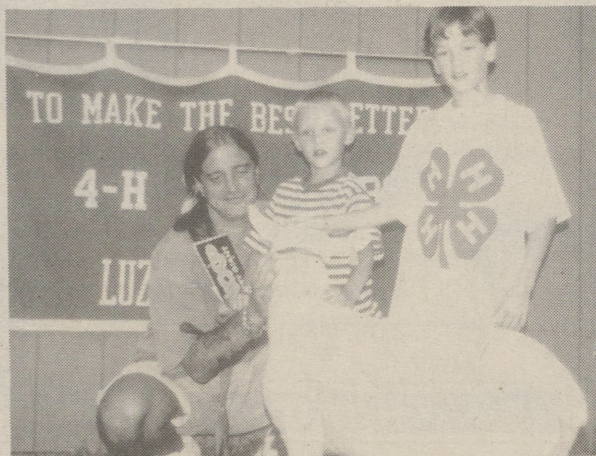
4-H member Erin Popek raised the lamb purchased by Larry Hilbert of Hilbert's Tractor Store.



The Grand Champion lamb raised by 4-H member Richard Joyce, was bought by Tom Rashinsky, Lehman Power.



A lamb raised by 4-H member Sara Stone was bought by Mary Rakowski and Robert Maleval from Agway, Inc.



4-H member Ben Stone shows off his Reserve Champion lamb, with Eric Morrow Sr. and Jr. of Quixote Enterprises, Inc., of Harveys Lake.

4-H Sheep Club holds first Lamb Auction

The Luzerne County 4-H Sheep Club held its first annual Market Lamb Auction at the Luzerne County Fair. Though very popular at other county fairs, it's a first locally.

The 4-H members raised lambs, which were judged and later auctioned to benefit the 4-H and the individual member to further his or her sheep flock.

Many local businesses came to show support, while veteran auctioneer Bob Earl donated his services.

The Grand Champion lamb, owned by Richard Joyce of Mulhensburg's Hillendale Farm, was purchased by Tom Rashinsky of Lehman Power.

The Reserve Champion lamb, owned by Ben Stone of Huntington Mills, was taken by Eric Morrow of Quixote Enterprises, Inc., of Harveys Lake after some very heated bidding.

Larry Hilbert of Hilbert's Tractor Store, Rte. 415, Dallas and the Dallas Agway Inc. also purchased lambs.

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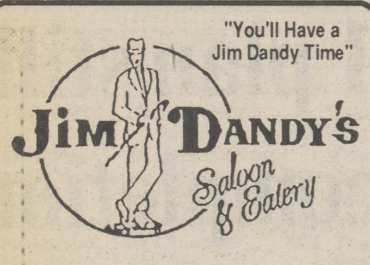
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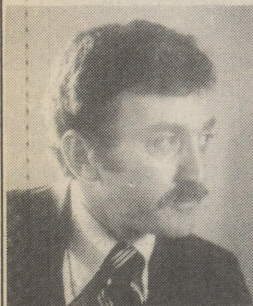
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