Give Night Drivers Plenty Of Road, They Need It, Says Jack Hazeltine

Ninety Percent Of Wrecks Hauled In, Happen At Night

On the lot back of Oliver's Garage are seven wrecked automobiles, all of them bearing late 1939 inspection stickers which means that man failure rather than mechanical imperfection is most likely the reason for their presence there. Seven is only a fraction of the number of wrecks hauled in yearly by Oliver's wrecker in charge of Jack Hazel-

A pretty fair average would be two a week according to Jack. But quite recently he brought in seven wrecks in one week. More than ninety percent of the crackups come in at night and Jack ought to know because he has to get up out of bed to haul them in. From Luzerne to Noxen and from Carverton to Lehman, no particular spot on the highways seems to have more wrecks than another, although a large number of the wrecks come from the vicinity of Harvey's Lake and most of them from the Harvey's Lake-Noxen Road. Just why the Noxen road is responsible for so many wrecks is more than Jack can understand unless it is because there is little traffic and drivers think they have the road to them-

Speed and alcohol play a large part in the wrecking of automobiles and young people have most of the wrecks. Now and then a school teacher cracks one up when she is teaching her sister to drive or some older driver freezes to the wheel when quick action is necessary, but such wrecks are the exception rather than the rule. Once in a while turn diver as well as mechanic.

Thieves Wreck Them, Too a wheel on the car so that they such races end in crack-ups. could drive it anyway. They were in a hurry to drive to Towanda to their work they said. Jack didn't have any extra wheels and besides that the car was too badly wrecked in other places for them to make a trip of any distance. So the boys left, saying they would be back in a few days to make arrangements to have the car repaired. Everybody around the garage wondered why the boys didn't return in a couple of weeks to make arrangements for their car and then one day they returned escorted by members of the State Highway Patrol.

They had stolen the car from their neighbor in Meshoppen on a Saturday night and the neighbor under their grilling the boys had continues for four days and nights.

Then again there was the early Patterson Grove morning when Jack was called to the Huntsville-Idetown road by Mo-

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a college professor backs his car three naked occupants, two of whom into the Lake and then Jack has to had to be rushed to the hospital immediately. Four boys had been swimming in Harvey's Lake late at A few weeks ago Jack received night naked. Patrolman Swanson a call at 4 on Sunday morning to on his rounds blew his whistle at come out on the Noxen road and them. The boys jumped in their pick up a wreck. When he got to car and a merry chase followed the spot he found a badly smashed which ended in a crack-up. The 1937 Pontiac and two nervous most they would have gotten for youths. Jack hitched on to the swimming naked would have been wreck and hauled it into the garage. a tongue-lashing from the cop for The boys urged him to repair the swimming in the wrong place in the damage right away, but Jack said wrong attire. Jack doesn't believe he couldn't. They urged him to put it pays to run from cops. Mostly

It is all pretty exciting business hauling in wrecks. It is interesting to see how many different ways an automobile can be twisted, battered and smashed. But it's gruesome, too, to see matted hair, teeth, blood and flesh in some of the wrecks. Plenty of night rices that start out innocently enough end in tragedy.

It's important to drive carefully, thinks Jack, especially at night and it's just as important to keep your eye on the other fellow and see that he has plenty of room—he may need it more than you think.

Sullivan County Fair

Tex Rose and his variety of enhadn't missed it for several days. tertainment will be featured at the When he discovered his loss he noti- Sullivan County Fair which opens fied Pennsylvania Motor Police and at Forksville on September 6th and

Large crowds attended the sestor Patrolman, Fred Swanson, of sions of Patterson Grove Camp the Harvey's Lake force. Jack found | Meeting which closed on Sunday at a badly smashed 1933 Ford and the conclusion of a program of activities which lasted ten days.

Who Pays The Taxes?

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among the town's heaviest tax-

Another corporation never heard to complain is the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company which pays this borough over \$250 in school taxes annually.

The Main Street business and professional places practically all pay well over \$100 per year in school taxes. The better residences on Lake Street also pay large amounts. James R. Oliver who pays taxes on both of these expensive streets becomes one of the heaviest taxpayers in town.

All the full-size farms remaining in the borough pay heavy taxes even though some are idle from a production standpoint. At the extreme end of the borough, Mrs. Re-Opening Of Mines Georgia P. Johnson has always been well up toward the top of the list of the heavy taxpayers, although as far as the writer knows at Bernice, Sullivan County, opened she has never had a pupil in school for work this winter are meeting here. Clifford Space, prominent with little success. Committees of in recent milk price activities, is clergymen, businessmen and union always among the first half-dozen members have made determined efof the heavy taxpayers.

pay heavy taxes. It should be said have reached a new low. to their credit that Messrs. Parrish and Wallo pay their taxes on time Democrats Lead in cash, which is not true of most of the non-resident operators.

estates, the summer home of the five.

well-to-do residents of the valley. There are still a few which pay substantial taxes.

From the standpoint of dollars and cents, if the old \$5 per capita tax had been collected 100%, it would have served only to pay actual tuition for a few days per

Survey of all the records of the school district indicates that the per capita taxpayers who are not property owners are fortunate. Unfortunately some of them, I should say many of them, do not seem to realize it.

Property owners who live here also have to pay per capita taxes. Like St. Paul in one of his letters, I say this of myself and not | by commandment. It may not reflect the sentiments of my employers on the school board.

-D. A. Waters.

Considered Doubtful

Efforts to have the Connell mines forts and it has been hoped that a Real estate operators such as July. No breaker has been built new breaker would be built during Elmer Parrish and Joseph Wallo, and according to the Sullivan Reas well as some not residing here, view, "hopes for working the mines

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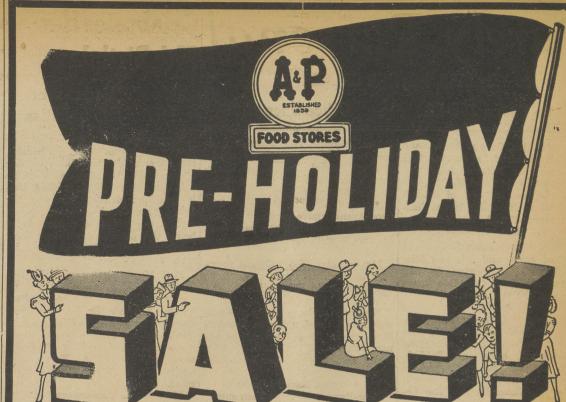
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