

## 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 Hazeltine.

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 themselves.

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 a college professor backs his car into the Lake and then Jack has to turn diver as well as mechanic.

**Thieves Wreck Them, Too**  
A few weeks ago Jack received a call at 4 on Sunday morning to come out on the Noxen road and pick up a wreck. When he got to the spot he found a badly smashed 1937 Pontiac and two nervous youths. Jack hitched on to the wreck and hauled it into the garage. The boys urged him to repair the damage right away, but Jack said he couldn't. They urged him to put a wheel on the car so that they 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 hadn't missed it for several days. When he discovered his loss he notified Pennsylvania Motor Police and under their grilling the boys had confessed to the theft.

Then again there was the early morning when Jack was called to the Huntsville-Idetown road by Motor Patrolman, Fred Swanson, of the Harvey's Lake force. Jack found a badly smashed 1933 Ford and

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### Who Pays The Taxes?

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among the town's heaviest taxpayers.

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. 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 she has never had a pupil in school here. Clifford Space, prominent in recent milk price activities, is always among the first half-dozen of the heavy taxpayers.

Real estate operators such as Elmer Parrish and Joseph Wallo, as well as some not residing here, pay heavy taxes. It should be said to their credit that Messrs. Parrish and Wallo pay their taxes on time in cash, which is not true of most of the non-resident operators.

Years ago Dallas had many fine estates, the summer home of the

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 pupil.

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.

### Re-Opening Of Mines Considered Doubtful

Efforts to have the Connell mines at Bernice, Sullivan County, opened for work this winter are meeting with little success. Committees of clergymen, businessmen and union members have made determined efforts and it has been hoped that a new breaker would be built during July. No breaker has been built and according to the Sullivan Review, "hopes for working the mines have reached a new low."

### Democrats Lead

Registrations in Columbia County show that Democrats lead Republicans by a margin of seven to five.

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