

## Gutters Of Blood

This community made its first payment on the new State highway this week with the death of Melvin Mosier; and we shall pay many such installments unless we become immediately aware that the new road is not a highway but a revolution in our midst. There is little excuse for the tragic accident that robbed this community of one of its best known citizens; a man whose conservative manner of life would belie any thought that he was heedless or taking chances when death struck through the medium of a motor accident.

Is life so cheap that we can afford to open a new highway before proper safety regulations are installed? Engineers planned months to make this highway reasonably safe; extra money was appropriated to eliminate dangerous curves; but not one cent has yet been spent for the erection of stop signs, traffic lights or extra police protection. If there has been any thought of a concerted plan for traffic regulation in Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township, we haven't heard of it. We suppose it will take many such deaths as Melvin Mosier's to stir us out of our lethargy. We've come to expect crippling and killing accidents on our highways and streets; a child is maimed on Pioneer Avenue, a pedestrian has her limb torn off, a cautious citizen is killed, while we pretend that the State Highway Patrol will be our St. Christopher.

For a long time this newspaper has advocated centralization of police protection in the Dallas area. For a long time we have hammered for the reduction of speed on our highways with the admonition that automobiles under control seldom kill. Five weeks ago in this column we asked for uniform traffic control before these highways opened. Had we acted then, Melvin Mosier's life might not have been sacrificed to make this editorial necessary.

If we haven't a vital interest in this new highway, we'd like to know who has. If we're willing to sit by and take it, while irresponsible youth, drunks and speed maniacs make its gutters run with blood, then we deserve the sneers and contempt they have for us.

FROM  
PILLAR TO POST

We were pretty sure the All-Back Mountain program at Lehman was going to be a success early Thursday morning when our mother-in-law remarked at the table, "That stuff makes your fingers sticky doesn't it?" Looking up from the morning paper to see if she meant the marmalade on her toast, we caught our wife swallowing a snicker. Our mother-in-law had got into some colored nail polish the night before and carefully administered a shine of pink finger nails and all.

That was the first omen; but best of all the sun streamed through the plants in our eastern window onto the favorite spot on the floor where both the wire-haired "terrors" slumber in anticipation when we're home after seven-thirty. After much useless tailwagging and a couple of defiant yelps from Mike—the smart one—we decided to leave the dogs home and wipe their week-old muzzle marks off the windows of the car for the day at least.

That was how we knew that the All-Back Mountain program was going to break all records—even before we saw A. J. Sordoni grinning beneath his sombrero astride the favorite horse he had ridden from the Lake to Lehman, or before we saw Lewie Deal in wild-western chaps riding a spotted cow pony over everybody's lawn. That was even before we saw "Doc" Bodycomb in his militant outfit lining up his contingent of Odd Fellows for the parade and long before Jim Besecker arrived in front of Corey Major's house with the Dallas fire truck and as hardy a delegation of Laing Fire Fighters as we've seen at many a brush fire.

It was a pretty sight along the State road as we jumped out of the car to let our wife take care of mothers-in-law for the rest of the day while we helped to organize the parade—our only excuse for being on a committee. There was the Dallas Township Band in bright red and white uniforms waiting by the roadside and being kept patient by their director, Evelyn Knapppmann, while back of them in the ditch was Fred Swanson with the Harvey's Lake pumper and further back Francis McCarthy with the Trucksville outfit. Mrs. Stanley Davies was arranging her forest green clad Girl Scouts in orderly files as Lehman band with martial music led by Joseph Clouser marched down the road behind a whole front row of whirling drummers and high-stepping drum majors. George Stolarick's two mules in a nearby meadow pointed their ears straight toward the north star as two of his horses pranced and pawed the earth in time to the music. The parade was beginning to take form. Paul Shaver and Brook Arnold, both out of breath and followed by Charles Stookey, Dominick Dodder, Clare Williams and other Legionnaires jumped out of a belated car to form their division just as the Dallas High School Band came up in squads looking for their leader, Howard Hallock. Earnestly the Townsend Club got in line; "Pop" Covert and his minions of the law, Leonard Harvey and "Jimmie" Gansel threw a guard of honor around the Packard loaned by Jim Oliver to give character to the members of Dallas Borough Council who headed the parade. H. Austin Snyder, general chairman gave the signal, drum majors' whistles sounded down the line, the All-Back Mountain Memorial Day parade was under way.

## WILL DIRECT CLINIC



... Dr. Robert M. Bodycomb, Dallas dentist, who will direct the dental clinic for school children sponsored by Dallas Woman's Club.

Woman's Club  
Sponsors New  
Dental ClinicDr. R. M. Bodycomb Will  
Direct Work Among  
School Children

As a part of their service program, Dallas Junior Womens' Club is completing plans to open a dental clinic for school children from the Back Mountain area in September under the direction of Dr. Robert M. Bodycomb.

Children in grades 1 to 4 in Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Lehman school districts will receive dental care at the clinic. Dr. Bodycomb is not only giving his services free of charge but is taking an active part in outlining the program and helping the club organize the new project.

Committee members in charge: Dallas Township, Mrs. John Yapple, Mary Jackson, Mrs. Sheldon Fahringer, Mrs. Raymond Elston, Mrs. Kenneth Oliver; Dallas Borough, Mrs. Robert Bodycomb, Mrs. Joseph Schmerer, Mrs. Peyton Lee; Lehman, Mrs. H. Austin Snyder, Mrs. Frances Lewis, Mrs. Clyde Cooper; Kingston Township, Mrs. Kenneth Adams, Mrs. Della Thompson, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. R. J. Breslin and Mrs. William Connor.

Service Station  
Redecorated

Larry Lee's Service Center on Main street, Dallas, has been redecorated with an attractive coat of white and green paint and new lettering by Sev. Newberry.

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Seven Local Men  
Pass Army TestsBoard Will Send  
46 Men During June

Seven boys from this area were among 46 selectees accepted for military service Monday out of 59 men sent to the Wilkes-Barre examining station by Draft Board No. 1.

Under the new selective service set-up all of the 46 men will leave the Draft Board Headquarters in Wyoming at 7 a. m. Monday, June 16, by D. L. & W. train for the army reception center at New Cumberland, Pa.

Among those accepted from this area are: James Glen LaBar, Dallas; Thomas John Makravitz, R. D. 3, Dallas; Herbert Hill, Jr., Shavertown; Richard James Trudgen, Shavertown; Douglas William Ridell, Trucksville, and John Maxwell Carle, Trucksville.

When the call comes for their services all will be inducted into the army direct from Draft Board No. 1 headquarters at Wyoming with the knowledge that they will not be rejected during any subsequent physical examinations, as might have been the case under the old system of sending men to the Wilkes-Barre Induction Center for physical examination and induction on the same day.

One of the principle purposes of the new induction plan being tested in Pennsylvania is to give the selectee a "breathing spell" at home between the time he is approved for the general military service by the U. S. Army and his actual induction.

Total number of men accepted for military service from Draft Board No. 1 in all previous calls has been 100 men, with an average of two calls a month, none of the monthly calls exceeding 40 selectees.

Of the 3,960 men registered with Draft Board No. 1 about 1,500 have received questionnaires and been placed in their respective classes for immediate service or deferment. Among those originally registered 2,460 yet remain to receive questionnaires or deferment. This reserve will be increased by anticipated registration on July 1 of 250 to 300 young men who have reached the age of 21 since the last registration day.

Drunken Driver  
Given HearingHighway Patrol Stops  
Zig-Zagging Trucker

William L. Powell, 43 S. Landon Ave., Kingston, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace John Q. Yapple last night on charges of driving through Dallas Borough on Wednesday afternoon while under the influence of liquor.

Powell was picked up by a detail of State Motor Police while zig-zagging a G. M. C. truck through Main street, narrowly averting collisions with other automobiles. When stopped by patrolmen he became antagonistic and at first refused to accompany them. He was given a medical examination by Dr. G. K. Swartz and pronounced "drunk" after which he was confined to the Harvey's Lake police station.

Powell will either be given a hearing before a Luzerne County Judge this morning or put under \$500 bail for appearance before the Grand Jury.

## Want Bus Line Extended

Residents of Goss Manor have filed a petition with Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation to have interurban bus routes extended to include service in that area.

BROTHERS MEET AGAIN AFTER  
BEING APART FOR 27 YEARS

There was a happy reunion in Shavertown this week when Horton M. Averett entertained his younger brother, James K. Averett, of Iola, Kansas, whom he hadn't seen for 27 years. Mr. Averett drove in from the west with his children, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Watkins of Wichita on Friday. Asked how he liked the Pennsylvania mountains as compared with the flat lands of Kansas the younger brother said he hadn't seen a thing since he struck the east "except up."

Both men were born in Illinois and have an older brother in Oklahoma that they haven't seen for 27 years when they were all together in Kansas when their father died.

When Horton Averett was eight years old the family moved to Illi-

## Nazi Tank Blasted Out Of Action



British soldiers examine a German tank after it was blasted out of commission somewhere in the African desert, probably in the northwest of Egypt, during the see-saw battles the British and Nazis have been fighting for vital points. (Central Press)

Melvin Mosier Is Killed In First  
Fatal Accident On New State RoadFour Occupants of Other Automobile  
Are Also Injured—One Seriously

Melvin Mosier, Sr., of Kunkle was fatally injured in the first serious automobile accident on the new Trucksville-Beaumont highway early Saturday night when his light delivery truck figured in a collision with an automobile driven by Daniel Murray Edwards of Alderson at the intersection of the old Dallas road and the new highway near Dallas Township High School.

Mr. Mosier was returning home alone after making deliveries of farm products in Dallas and had apparently gained the right side of the

new highway when the two machines came together throwing him out of the truck and onto the high dirt bank on the eastern side of the roadway where he was picked up unconscious. In the other machine which overturned were five youths returning to Allentown after spending Memorial Day at Harvey's Lake.

Lee Groninger, Laureldale, a passenger in the Edwards automobile, had his left ear badly sheared and suffered deep lacerations of the face and head and possible bone fractures. He was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital by Marion Powell and Gertrude Kintz, who arrived shortly after the accident in the Powell station wagon, and upon reaching Dallas with the injured man asked Timothy LaBar to drive for them.

Three other occupants of the Edwards machine, Robert Plummer of Reading, Carlton Wood of Allentown and Richard Wisniewski of Spring City, were hurt. Groninger and Plummer were admitted to the hospital and Wood and Wisniewski were treated.

A Mr. Dailey of Tunkhamock took Mr. Mosier to the hospital where he remained unconscious until his death Monday night.

Edwards, whose mother conducts a tap room at Alderson, was committed to Luzerne County Prison Tuesday morning at a hearing before Alderman S. Miles Barber of Wilkes-Barre on a charge of involuntary manslaughter but was later released on bail furnished by Charles Lord of Harvey's Lake.

Prosecutor in the case was H. A. Nyman of the State Motor Police, Harvey's Lake substation. Trooper F. A. Miller was his witness.

In the accident Mr. Mosier received a fracture of the skull, concussion, contusions of the head and face and shock, his injuries resulting in complete paralysis.

The location of the accident is one of the most dangerous spots along the new highway being at the intersection of the Irem Country Club Road, Old Dallas Road and Kunkle Highway. A rise in the new highway just beyond the intersection obscures the vision of motorists approaching from Kunkle and conceals on-coming automobiles from drivers entering the new highway either from Dallas or the Country Club road. There are no stop signs, traffic lights or other protective devices.

COPIES OF SCHOOL ISSUE  
PRINTED ON NEWS STOCK  
MAY STILL BE OBTAINED

The supply of 1,000 extra copies of last week's Dallas Post school issue printed on enamel stock has been exhausted. There still remain, however, a limited number of copies printed on news stock for those who were unable to get the special issue at their news stands. These copies may be obtained at the office of The Post on Lehman Ave.

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR



H. AUSTIN SNYDER

Snyder Directs  
Lehman SchoolsClergyman's Son Has  
Showman's Instincts

The tall young man in white linen suit who calmly directed activities Memorial Day in Lehman was H. Austin Snyder, supervising principal of Lehman school for the past six years. To his foresight and energy goes credit for the inauguration of a civic program which will do much to cement the loyalty of Back Mountain citizens with each passing year, and to his ability as an executive and administrator goes credit for the excellent school system that is now being evolved at Lehman.

H. Austin Snyder is no martinet, he has no sensitive ego that is disturbed by the enthusiasm or zeal of his subordinates. He works well in double harness and gets results without appearing to drive or trample over others' rights. That's why he is a natural leader and why boys and girls swear by him, while still giving him their respect and obeying the rigid discipline that makes his school outstanding.

The son of a Methodist minister father and a school teacher mother, Austin Snyder comes from a line of educators. His father, Irving Lott Snyder, served charges many

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## THE POST WANTS:

1. Permanent and legible street markings and numerals on all homes in Dallas, Shavertown, and Trucksville.
2. Emphasis locally on activities which will train men and women in national defense measures.
3. The installation of fire plugs in Dallas Borough.
4. The construction of a new, shorter highway between Dallas and Harvey's Lake before 1942.
5. Centralization of police protection in the Dallas area.
6. More sidewalks.

Senior Classes  
Bid Farewell To  
High School DaysKingston Township And  
Lehman Programs Are  
Scheduled Next Week

Scholastic activities in the rural region will come to a close in all high schools with Commencement exercises at Lehman on Monday night followed by those at Kingston Township next Friday night, June 13. Traditional exercises were held at both Dallas Borough and Township Schools last night.

## Dallas Borough

The program at Dallas Borough High School where 23 Seniors were graduated, opened with a procession by the High School Band and was confined for the most part to addresses by members of the Senior Class. The program: Invocation, Rev. Francis Freeman; "What Can I Do," salutatory address, Claire Ralston; selection, "Long Road" and "Alma Mater," by Class of 1941; "Opportunities for the Graduate of 1941," address, William Carroll; saxophone solo, by John Jewell; mantle oration, Robert Niemeyer; response of the class of 1942, Louis Kelly; selection, "Come to the Fair," and "Deep River," by Glee Club; "Education for Defense," valedictory address, Eloise Hunt.

T. A. William gave brief remarks after which diplomas were presented by Clyde N. Lapp, member of the school board. The program closed with benediction by Rev. Mr. Freeman and recessional by the band.

## Dallas Township

At Dallas Township exercises, Thomas M. Lewis, former District Attorney, addressed the 34 members of the graduating class. The program opened with the invocation by Rev. David Morgan of Alderson Methodist Church. Student addresses were: "The Value of a Liberal Education," by Marie Poat, and "Never Retreat," by Ethel Harris. The High School Band furnished selections and the girls' chorus gave two numbers, "The Mill Wheel" and "Song of the Danube." Diplomas were presented by S. N. Goss, member of the school board.

## Lehman

Class Night activities will be held at Lehman High School tonight with Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. F. K. Abbott at Lehman Methodist Church Sunday night.

The Commencement program for the 21 members of the Senior Class will be held Monday night in the High School auditorium with Dr. George F. Dunkelberger, of Susquehanna University, as speaker. The valedictory will be by Nancy Parks and the salutatory by Victoria Niezgoda. Presentation of the American Legion Flag will be by Jessie Bonning, fourth honor student, to the Junior representative. Special music will be by the girls' chorus.

## Kingston Township

Baccalaureate services at Kingston Township will be Sunday afternoon at 4 in the high school auditorium. Rev. Harry Savacool will use as his sermon topic, "This is Our Father's World." Mrs. Benjamin Jenkins, soloist, will give two numbers, "Thanks Be To God" and "The Living God."

At the final auditorium program of the schools at 1 p. m., Friday, June 13th, athletes in all sports will receive letter awards. The American Legion award to the outstanding citizen, boy or girl in the eighth grade, will be given by Kingston Township Veterans' Association. W. C. T. U. contest winners will receive awards. Notice will be given to the students having perfect attendance during the year. The last assembly is as important to the student body as Commencement is to the gradu-

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BUY YOUR STAMPS IN DALLAS  
IF YOU WANT NEW POSTOFFICE

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company has appointed a committee composed of James F. Besecker, John Roberts and Burgess H. A. Smith to work with other citizens in an effort to secure a new postoffice building and village mail delivery in Dallas.

The committee was heartened this week after conferences with Congressman J. Harold Flannery who promised he would make every effort to have a new postoffice building for Dallas placed in the Federal budget but who warned at the same time that local postoffice volume has a great deal to do with favorable consideration of such projects by postal authorities in Washington.

The committee pointed out that volume in the Dallas office has in-

creased steadily during the past seven years, reaching a point last year where it merited a change of classification to second-class rating. This change, according to Postmaster Joseph Palocky, will mean further conveniences to local patrons because stamp windows will be open at all times and the office will remain open Saturday afternoons.

After the conference with Mr. Flannery, the committee urged a campaign to have all local residents buy their stamps from and transact postal business with the local office. They believe increased receipts from now to the first of July will have great bearing upon the favorable reaction of postal authorities when efforts are made to include a new postoffice building for Dallas in the Federal budget.