

The Real Murderers

Why is the State Department of Highways so obstinate about the erection of traffic signals at the dangerous Center Street intersection in Shavertown?

This isn't a matter for blind adherence to rules or policies laid down in Harrisburg. The problem of erecting traffic lights in Shavertown is one that can be effected through the plain application of common sense.

In refusing to listen to the pleas of citizens who are interested in Highway Safety, the officials of the Department of Highways are taking the responsibility on themselves for any blood spilled at Center Street. A fatal accident there will be murder. And if it happens the State Highway Department will be the murderer.

Any body with a grain of sense knows that it is going to happen there one of these late afternoons—one of these evenings.

The Highway Department can continue to block the erection of lights. It can continue to tangle all efforts in red tape; but the responsibility will rest where it belongs when death comes—and it will come.

The officials of the State Department of Highways talk a good line of safety but they fail to put it into practice. For two years now they have pleaded with the newspapers of Pennsylvania to preach highway safety in their editorials, news columns, and through newspaper advertisements which they have asked the publishers to sell to local sponsors. They have furnished the newspapers with lurid pictures of fatal accidents; bombarded them with statistics on the rise of rural highway deaths; but they have refused flatly to approve the erection of a single traffic light in the Back Mountain area. That would save a life.

Dallas Borough Council, backed by an aroused public opinion, took the bull by the horns and erected its lights without State approval. The lights remain up, but pettyfogging "traffic engineers and so-called experts" still meddle around with ex-post facto suggestions.

What the Department of Highways needs is more traffic experts with common sense and fewer who got their knowledge out of the Department's book of rules.

Why is the Highway Department so obstinate about the erection of a traffic light in Shavertown? Here's your answer. The Department's Code says five persons must be killed at a particular spot before the Department will approve a traffic light.

There is one solution to Shavertown's traffic problem. Let the people buy the lights by public subscription, erect them, and then defy the State to take them down. Let the Department of Highways be the murderers!

FROM PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

During this week dedicated to Fire Prevention, everybody in the community has had an opportunity to learn a great deal about the cause of fires, their prevention, and what to do if a fire does get started.

Fires don't ordinarily just happen, they are caused by rank carelessness. Almost every fire could have been prevented. True, if your house is struck by lightning, that classifies as an Act of God and relieves you of direct responsibility. Unfortunately this does nothing to compensate you for the results. The agent who handles your insurance will be around before the embers have cooled, but the amount you are entitled to will not begin to build you another house of the size and quality of the one which is now represented by a smoking excavation in the middle of what was once a beautiful lawn.

There isn't much you can do about lightning, but there are any number of things you can do to prevent the common run of costly conflagrations. After all, only a very small percentage of fires are caused by lightning.

You can't pick up a metropolitan newspaper without noting a grisly item about some child's having burned to death because he was playing with matches. Who left the matches where the child could reach them? Are your own matches in as safe a place as your eye and your ammonia? The lighting of a match is a minor miracle. Any child will try to duplicate the fascinating little explosion and the tiny burst of flame.

Have you a fire extinguisher on each floor? A fire that starts with a spark may grow uncontrollable in a matter of seconds. You haven't time to get help, you must have help at hand and know how to use it.

An electric iron neglected when the phone rings can burn through the ironing board cover and ignite the curtains. Disconnect the iron when you leave it, even for only a moment. This insures its being actually turned off.

There is such a thing as spontaneous combustion, but here again it is usually the result of carelessness. Oily cloths, paint rags, cotton-waste soaked with grease, should never be shut up in a closet. There is a house in Kingston, built several years ago, whose entire interior had to be redecorated before the family could move into it. A painter had stuffed the pockets of his overalls with painty rags and shut them into a closet, the rags had generated heat enough to catch fire, and before the blaze was detected in the empty house, costly damage had been done.

During the fall housecleaning it pays to get rid of everything that might be considered a fire hazard. Don't use the attic or that space under the eaves as a catch-all. Those stacks of magazines, those cartons of excelsior, are fuel to feed a roaring blaze.

And do leave plenty of room between piles of necessary articles. A fireman might have to grope his way through a clutter, wasting valuable time and causing still further damage.

Most important of all, bear in mind that appealing baby on the posters. That baby is definitely not fireproof. The life of your baby is wholly in your hands, and it is a grave responsibility. There is nothing so helpless as a baby, nothing so horrible as the knowledge that neglect of proper precautions has caused his death.

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BOX SCORE

Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day

	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	2	10
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	15	2
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	1
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	1
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	26	14

Back Mountain Workers Gather At Kickoff Dinner



Eighty women who have volunteered their services during the Community Chest Drive which opens today gathered Monday night at a Kick-off Dinner in Shavertown Fire House

to hear leaders say that the Back Mountain area annually receives more in service than it pays into the chest. In Dallas alone, visiting nurses made 1,525 calls last year. The Chest pays

\$5 for every three visits. There were 1,206 free or part time hospitalization cases. There were eighteen family and child welfare cases and 323 services were extended to the blind, crippled and tubercular.

Maple Grove Methodist Church Founded Seventy-Five Years Ago

This year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization and incorporation of Maple Grove Methodist Church.

The congregation was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania by a charter drawn up on January 8, 1872 and recorded on January 9, 1873.

The present church building was erected during the same year on a piece of land deeded to the trustees by Simeon and Sarah Lewis for one dollar. No record is available concerning the original dedication of the church, but according to Barney Davenport, one of the oldest residents of the Pike's Creek area, it was dedicated on a cold and blizzard Sunday in January 1873. The pastor was Francis Asbury King, a namesake of the first bishop of the Methodist church in America and a colorful figure in the history of Methodism in Wyoming Valley.

The parsonage was erected several years later under the pastoral leadership of Philip Houck and G. W. Leach. It was completed in the early 1880's. Prior to that time the pastor lived at Lehman, and Maple Grove was part of the Lehman charge.

The original church was a frame building with shuttered, plain glass windows. The present vestibule and belfry are a later addition. In the beginning there were two doors, one door used by the men, as was the custom in those days, and the other used by the women and children. The memorial stained glass windows were installed and dedicated in 1917 under the leadership of Dr. Mark A. Dawber, the pastor. The social hall was erected in 1915.

At the time of organization, the policy of the Methodist church was to organize small groups called "classes" under the direction of a "class leader." The early class leaders included F. W. Kindred, Joseph Booth, John Moore, Jonas Hoppe, O. N. Marcy, Benjamin VanHorn, Nathan Klinetob, Charles Steele, H. G. DeLong, Robert Park, and Silas Ide. It was out of these "classes" that the other churches on the charge quickly grew.

The following men have served as pastors:

- F. A. King 1872
- J. B. Wilson 1877
- Philip Houck 1878-1881
- G. W. Leach 1881-1884
- G. F. Ace 1884-1887
- J. W. Harrison 1887-1889
- William Rawlings 1889-1891
- J. W. Price 1891-1894
- F. D. Cornell 1894-1897
- J. A. Transue 1898-1899
- T. J. Vaughan 1899-1901
- Henderson Harned 1901-1903
- G. W. Craig 1903-1904
- B. L. Lyon 1904-1907
- J. R. Austin 1907-1908
- L. W. Karschner 1908-1909
- W. I. Randle 1909-1912
- C. M. Griffith 1912-1913
- L. W. Karschner 1913-1914
- C. E. Cook 1914-1916
- M. A. Dawber 1916-1919
- E. R. Roberts 1920-1923
- F. S. Crispell 1923-1924
- P. H. Heller 1924-1928
- Alfred Backus 1928-1929
- R. L. Cornell 1929-1930
- C. B. Henry 1930-1932
- N. D. Henry 1932-1934
- G. L. Sweet 1934-1938
- M. E. Kroehler 1938-1940
- G. C. Snyder 1940-1941
- W. A. Forred 1941-1943
- J. A. Fiske 1943-1947

Attend Meeting

Russ DeRemer and Tom Harrison attended a Philco dealers meeting in Scranton Wednesday evening. Plans were discussed for "Philco Week", tentatively scheduled for the week of October 20-25, when many new Philco model radios will be on display at dealer's outlets.

Fiske Is Called To Laceyville

Will Preach First Sermon On Sunday

Rev. Joseph A. Fiske, pastor of the Maple Grove Methodist charge for the past four years, has been called by the people of Laceyville and will begin his duties there this Sunday.

Rev. Fiske was relieved of his duties at Maple Grove last Thursday evening during a special meeting of the charge which was presided over by District Superintendent Roswell Lyon. No successor has been announced.

Rev. Fiske was an accepted supply minister during the war years, joining the conference upon completion of his studies at Drew Theological Seminary this spring. His previous charge was composed of the Maple Grove, Meeker, Loyalville and Mooretown churches. His present charge includes Skinner's Eddy, Silvara, South Auburn and West Auburn. He will reside in the parsonage at Laceyville.

Rev. Fiske replaces Rev. Ronald Wyckoff, an accepted supply minister, who will serve at Rankokus, N. J. while completing his ministerial studies at Temple University, Philadelphia.

Father And Son Dinner Planned By Lehman Class

Men's Bible Class of Lehman Methodist Church will hold its Father and Son dinner Thursday evening, October 23.

Any father and son are welcome to attend. Serving will start at seven to be followed by music and other entertainment. There will not be any speeches.

Last year eighty men and boys attended. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the class and should be purchased before October 19th.

Woman's Club Hears Talk On Pa. Dutch Art

Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks Jr. gave an enlightening and entertaining illustrated talk on Pennsylvania Dutch art at the meeting of Dallas Woman's Club at Irem Temple Country Club Wednesday evening.

Business consisted of a report by Mrs. Fred Eck on the North East Conference of Woman's Clubs; presentation of the Club scrap book of Back Mountain activities by Mrs. Al Shaffer, book to be sent to Hawaii; appointment of Althea Gross, Pauline Clewell, Martha Elston and Martha Mascali as delegates to the Luzerne County Federation of Woman's Club meeting October 21.

Present at the meeting: Mesdames Robert Bodycomb, Philip Cheney, Dan Robinhold, Milford Shaver, Edna McCarty, Raymond Elston, Wilson Maury, Joseph Rauch, William Rardon, Walter Elston, Sam Thompson, H. L. Hendricks, Donald Evans, James Garey, Granville Souden, Edward Love, Eugene Lazarus, Willard Garey, Verna Isaacs, T. M. B. Hicks, W. H. Clewell, James Gross, Bernard Whitney, Carl Dick, Donald Harris, Joseph Schmerer, Lettie Culver, Dan Richards, L. L. Richardson, Robert Scott, Paul Goddard, A. J. Pruett, Donald Williams; Misses Lola Taylor and David Jenkins, J. Vincent, Ann Nolan, Ross Lewin, Howard Bailey, Robert Williams; Misses Lola Taylor and Viola Morrett.

Library Story Hour To Start Tomorrow

The Library story hour will be resumed tomorrow, Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 o'clock. All children around ten years of age and younger are invited to come and enjoy themselves. Mrs. Janet Smith of Lake street will be in charge of the group again this year.

Main Street Property Owners Discuss Sewage Disposal With Councilmen

Ask Council To Accept Financial Responsibility If State Refuses To Approve Their Installations

What does Council demand? was the question posed by a dozen Main Street property owners who gathered to discuss sewage disposal with Dallas Borough Council at its meeting in Back Mountain Memorial Library Tuesday night.

The property owners, all substantial business men and women whose livelihood depends on the present as well as future progress of the community, recently received official notices from Borough Council that they must desist from dumping raw sewage and garbage in Toby's Creek or face the prospect of \$100 fines.

Council passed its sewage disposal ordinance more than a year ago to comply with requirements of the State's anti-stream pollution laws which place responsibility upon boroughs and cities for the action of their citizens who permit wastes to enter State streams.

Explains Council's Stand Council President, Joseph MacVeigh, explained the history of the act, and the position of Council, by stating that Dallas Borough in itself is not an offender since it does not operate a sewage system entering any State stream; but that certain individuals in the community are offenders.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadas have an older son, Frank, Jack and Michael are first children. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles have ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Man Instantly Killed When He Walks Into Car

Bertram Saxton, 16 Driver, Released By State Troopers

Norman Honeywell, 65, of Shavertown, was instantly killed Monday night at 8:45 when he apparently walked into the side of a moving automobile on the dark curve opposite VanCampen's Restaurant in Kingston Township.

Driver of the automobile was Bertram Saxton, Jr., 16, Davis Street, Trucksville, an employee in the thread drawing department at Natona Mills, whose family recently moved here from New Jersey.

Because the driver was a juvenile, he was released by police in the custody of his parents.

Honeywell had left his home a short time before the accident to go to VanCampen's Restaurant and had taken a short cut through the fields from Pioneer Avenue to the lower road. Apparently he was just coming out onto the highway when he walked into the machine.

State Troopers Eugene Ware and Frank Miller investigated and summoned Deputy Coroner Hugh B. Hughes who pronounced Honeywell dead.

Mr. Honeywell, a resident of this area for many years, was an employee of Sordoni Construction Company. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Hazel Lohman, Mrs. Raymond Price, both of Shavertown; Mrs. Norton Newberry of Aberdeen, Md.; Wilson C., Trucksville, and Elmer L. of Plains; also a sister, Mrs. Edwin Roberts, Shavertown.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 with services in charge of Rev. Howard Harrison of Shavertown Methodist Church.

Interment was in Wardan Cemetery.

Name Committee For Hallowe'en

Eighth Annual Parade To Be Biggest Of All

Preliminary arrangements are being made for Dallas Borough and Township's Eighth Annual Hallowe'en Parade to be held on Friday night, October 31.

Members of the general committee are Henry Peterson, chairman, and the following representing community organizations: Charles James, Dallas Borough Parent-Teachers; Joseph Delet-Kanic and Raymond Kuhnert, Dallas Township Parent-Teachers; David Joseph, Dallas Kiwanis Club; Charles Lee, Harold Titman and Daniel Richards, Dallas Rotary Club; Mrs. Fred Eck, Dallas Woman's Club; James Besecker, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company.

Last year the parade was one of the largest and most successful in its existence and the committee hopes to make this year's event even more attractive for participants as well as spectators.

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