#### 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 applica-

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 -

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 plead 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

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

During this week dedicated to Fire Prevention, everybody in the community Davenport, one of the oldest residents has had an opportunity to learn a great deal about the cause of fires, their of the Pike's Creek area, it was dediprevention, 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

To Get Awards

Fire Prevention

Program At Lehman

Chief Lanceford Sutton will give a

Firemen Happy." Charles Nuss will

Company. Two reels of comedy

A large crowd is expected. The pro-

gram is presented as a public service

Committee in charge: Charles Nuss,

Dallas Subdistrict Leadership Train-

Mrs. Thomas Shelburne of Trucksville;

The public is invited. All dog

The annual fall bazaar and turkey

owners are to bring their dogs. First

Lehman Turkey Supper

heat will start at 11:00 o'clock.

To Open October 15

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

things you can do to prevent the come School auditorium, Friday evening. door used by the men, as was the mon run of costly conflagrations. After all, only a very small percentage of feature selections by Lehman band. used by the women and children. fires are caused by lightning.

about some child's having burned to ham, president of the Lake Silkworth death because he was playing with Volunteer Fire Company and H. L. matches. Who left the matches where Hendricks, president of the Lehman the child could reach them? Are your Volunteer Fire Company. own matches in as safe a place as your lye 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. movies followed by, "Crimes of Care-

Have you a fire extinguisher on each lessness" will climax the evening's enfloor? A fire that starts with a spark tertainment. may grow uncontrollable in a matter of seconds. You haven't time to get help, you must have help at hand and and no admission will be charged.

An electric iron neglected when the Edgar Nulton, L. E. Beisel, Lanceford phone rings can burn through the Sutton, James Davenport and H. L ironing board cover and ignite the Hendricks. curtains. Disconnect the iron when you leave it, even for only a moment. Church Training School

There is such a thing as spontaneous combustion, but here again it is usually the result of carelessness. Oily cloths, ing School, sponsored by the co-operpaint rags, cotton-waste soaked with ating churches of the Back Moungrease, should never be shut up in a tain Area, will be held in the Shavercloset. There is a house in Kingston, town Methodist Church Wednesday built several years ago, whose entire evening, starting October 15 through interior had to be redecorated before November 19. Rev. Frederick Reinthe family could move into it. A furt is dean of the school. painter had stuffed the pockets of his Courses to be offered are: overalls with painty rags and shut Christian Message for the Present Day them into a closet, the rags had gener | World" by T. Ross Paden, executive | ated heat enough to catch fire, and secretary of Wyoming Valley Council before the blaze was detected in the of Churches; "The Growth of Chrisempty house, costly damage had been tian Personalty During Childhood" by

During the fall housecleaning it "How to Administer Sunday Church pays to get rid of everything that School" by Adelaide Hartpence, direcmight be considered a fire hazard. tor of religious education First Pres-Don't use the attic or that space un byterian Church, Wilkes-Barre; "Jesus der the eaves as a catch-all. Those and His Teachings" by Rev. Frederick stacks of magazines, those cartons of Reinfurt, pastor of Dallas Methodist excelsior, are fuel to feed a roaring Church.

And do leave plenty of room be Field Trial tween 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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Serious accidents since V-J Day

BOX SCORE Back Mountain Highway Deaths and

Back Mountain Workers Gather At Kickoff Dinner



teered their services during the Com- Mountain area annually receives more 1,206 free or part time hospitalizamunity Chest Drive which opens to in service than it pays into the chest. tion cases. There were eighteen fam-day gathered Monday night at a Kick- In Dallas alone, visiting nurses made ily and child welfare cases and 323

Eighty women who have volun to hear leaders say that the Back \$5 for every three visits. There were off Dinner in Shavertown Fire House 1,525 calls last year. The Chest pays services were extended to the blind

### Maple Grove Methodist Church Founded Seventy-Five Years Ago

This year marks the seventy-fifth Directors Will incorporation of Maple Grove Meth-

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

The present church building was during the same year on a piece of land deeded to the trustees Simeon and Sarah Lewis for one dollar. No record is available con cerning the original dedication of the church, but according to Barney cated on a cold and blizzardy Sunday in January 1873. The pastor was Francis Asbury King, a namesake of the first bishop of the Methodist figure in the history of Methodism in Wyoming Valley.

The parsonage was erected several 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 There isn't much you can do about Company will present an interesting belfry are a later addition. In the as eliminate many of the increasing belfry are a later addition. In the as eliminate many of the increasing belfry are a later addition. In the as eliminate many of the increasing belfry are a later addition. In the later are any number of "Fire Prevention" program in the High beginning there were two doors, one school problems brought about by Beginning at 8 the program will custom in those days, and the other The memoriol stained glass windows Winners of the Fire Prevention es-You can't pick up a metropolitan says will be anounced and presentation were installed and dedicated in 1917 newspaper without noting a grisly item of awards will be made by Jack Gra, 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 short talk on "Keeping the Lehman 'class leader." The early class leaders included F. W. Kindred, Joseph discuss the progress of the Lehman Booth, John Moore, Jonas Hoppes, 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 a
pastors:	
F. A. King	1872
B. Wilson	1877
Philip Houck	1878—188
G. W. Leach	1881—188
G. F. Ace	1884—188
. W. Harrison	1887—188
William Rawlings	1889—189
I. W. Price	1891-189
F. D. Cornell	1894-189
I. A. Transue I. J. Vaughan	1898—189
T. J. Vaughan	1899-190
Henderson Harned	1901-190
G. W. Craig	1903—190
B. L. Lyon	1904—190
J. R. Austin	1907—190
L. W. Karschner	1908—190
W. I. Randle	1909—191
C. M. Griffith L. W. Karschner C. E. Cook M. A. Dawber E. R. Roberts	1912—191
L. W. Karschner	1913—191
C. E. Cook	1914—191
M. A. Dawber	1916—191
E. R. Roberts	1920—192
F. S. Crispell	1923—192
P. H. Heller	1924—192
Alfred Backus	1928—192
R. L. Cornell	1929—193
C. B. Henry	1930—193
N. D. Henry	1932—193
G. L. Sweet	1934—193
M. E. Kroehler	1938—194
G. C. Snyder	1940—194
W. A. Forred	1941—194
J. A. Fiske	1943—194

#### Luzerne and Wyoming County Coon Club will hold a field trial at Sgarlat Lake, Sunday, October 12. Attend Meeting

Russ DeRemer and Tom Harrison attended a Philco dealers meeting in Scranton Wednesday evening. Plans were discussed for "Philco Week", tenatively scheduled for the week of October 20-25, when many new Philco supper will be served by the Lehman model radios will be on display at W.S.C.S. at the church, October 7. dealer's outlets.

### Discuss School Consolidation

#### Township Board Takes First Step Toward Cooperative Effort

Taking the first step to encourage consolidation of high schools in the Back Mountain area, Dallas Township School Board at its meeting Tuesday night unanimously instructed its secretary, Floyd Chamberlain, to draw up resolutions inviting all members and solicitors of Back Mountain school church in America and a colorful boards to a general meeting to discuss common school problems.

directors said, is to discuss the possibilin the parsonage at Laceyville. years later under the pastoral leader ity of establishing a consolidated high ship of Philip Houck and G. W. school in a centrally located area.

Mountain school directors as well as while completing his ministerial studies representatives of county and State at Temple University, Philadelphia. educational departments think that such a high school is needed here; and Lehman Township Volunteer Fire windows. The present vestibule and plete well-rounded curriculum as well Planned By Lehman Class that it would give the students a comrapidly expanding enrollments.

and appropriations brought about by ber 23. consolidation, it is believed that no financial hardship would be worked on to attend. Serving will start at seven any township. In the words of one to be followed by music and other Dallas Township director, " a consolidated district would add materially to the progressive growth and development of this whole area.'

The date of the meeting will be an ounced when the invitations are sent. The Board awarded the contract for aving asphalt tile in the new cafeteriz to John Girvan on his low bid. is expected that the cafeteria will be in operation on November 1.

The Board also voted to install an untraviolet, germicidal lamp in the Primary Grade to sterilize the air and ted talk on Pennsylvania Dutch art destroy air-borne bacteria. Similar lamps are now in operation in Wilkes-Barre Day School and other Luzerne county schools. The lamp is expected to reduce the incidence of respiratory infection among students who will be protected by its rays.

Those attending were Director Floyd Chamberlain, Thomas Moore, Walter Elston, Donald Evans, Super vising Principal Raymond Kuhnert and Solicitor Frank Townend.

#### Football Mothers Plan Annual Dinner

Kingston Township Football Mothers Club met Wednesday night at Trucksville Fire Hall to make plans for the annual Football Dinner to be announced that Booster tickets will

Chairman of the dinner committee is Mrs. James Martin who will be as-

rins, Mrs. Howard Gilsleicher, Mrs. Ross Lewin, Howard Bailey, Robert Stanley Henning, Mrs. Elwood Lutsey, Mrs. Fred Handley, Mrs. J. A. Martin, Viola Morrett. Mrs. Earl Hons, Mrs. D. B. Dilcer, Mrs. C. Griffith, Mrs. Jacob Harrison, Mr. Dewey Richards and Mrs. Lincoln

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elwood Lutsey, Summit Street, Shavertown.

### **Book Club Meeting**

Boob Club members will meet at at 2 o'clock.

### 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

Rev. Fiske was an accepted supply ninister 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 Skiner's Eddy, Silvara, South Auburn Prime purpose of the meeting, the and West Auburn. He will reside

Rev. Fiske replaces Rev. Ronald Wyckoff, an accepted supply minister, It was brought out that many Back who will serve at Rankokus, N. ]

### Father And Son Dinner

Men's Bible Class of Lehman Methodist Church will hold its Father and tody of his parents. Because of the combined resources | Son dinner Thursday evening, Octo-

Any father and son are welcome 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 illustraat 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; preenting of the Club scrap book of Back Mountain activities by Mrs. Al Shaffer, book to be sent to Hawaii; appointment of Althea Gross, Pauline lewell, 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 Mc-Carty, Raymond Elston, Wilson Maury, Joseph Rauch, William Rear-don, Walter Elston, Sam Thompson, H. L. Hendricks, Donald Evans, James held at the close of the football season. Garey, Granville Souden, Edward Mrs. Cedric Griffith, presided, and Love, Eugene Lazarus, Willard Garey, Verna Isaacs, T. M. B. Hicks, W. H. be sold from November 19 to 27th. Clewell, James Gross, Bernard Whitney, Carl Dick, Donald Harris, Joseph Schmerer, Lettie Culver, Dan Richsisted by Mesdames Hons, Gelsleicher, ards, L. L. Richardson, Robert Scott, Long, Richards, Dilcer, Handley and Paul Goddard, A. J. Pruett, Donald Williams; Misses Lola Taylor and Attending were: Mrs. Wallace Per David Jenkins, J. Vincent, Ann Nolan, Wililams; Misses Lola Taylor and

### Library Story Hour To Start Tomorrow

The Library story hour will be re- Fire Company. the Library, Wednesday, October 15, street will be in charge of the group spectators. l again this year.

## Sewage Disposal With Councilmen

### Ask Council To Accept Financial Responsibility

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.

GREAT GRANDPARENTS SEE THEIR THREE GREAT GRAND

Sunday was a red letter day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruggles of Meeker, both in their seventies. They saw three greatgrandsons, all born within two months, baptized at Meeker Methodist Church.

SONS BAPTIZED ON SUNDAY

Christened by Rev. Joseph Fiske were David Allen Wadas, born March 15; Jack Ruggles, born April 17 and Michael Lawrence Drabick, born May 4. Mrs. Wadas is the former Dorothy King. Mrs. Drabick is the former Janice Ruggles. Mrs. Ruggles is the former Helen O'Leary of Ontario, California.

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-grand-

### Man Instantly Killed When He Walks Into Car

### Bertram Saxton, 16 Driver, Released By State Troopers

Norman Honeywell, 65, of Shaver-cown, was instantly killed Monday eight at 8:45 when he apparently ston Township.

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

Because the driver was a juvenile ne was released by police in the cus-

Honeywell had left his home a from Pioneer Avenue to the lower oad. Apparently he was just comng out onto the highway when he

walked into the machine. Hughes who pronounced Honeywell cern of Council.

lso a sister, Mrs. Edwin Roberts, their own expense.

The funeral was held yesterday of Rev. Howard Harrison of Shaverown Methodist Church. Interment was in Wardan Ceme-

### **Name Committee** For Hallowe'en

#### Eighth Annual Parade To Be Biggest Of All

Preliminary arrangements are being nade for Dallas Borough and Township's Eighth Annual Hallowe'en Parade to be held on Friday night, Oc-

tober 31.

Members of the general committee 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 Chub; Mrs. Fred Eck, Dallas Woman's Club; James Besecker, Dr. Henry M. Laing

sumed tomorrow, Saturday, October Last year the parade was one of the largest and most successful in its exaround ten years of age and younger istence and the committee hopes to

## **Main Street Property Owners Discuss**

If State Refuses To Approve Their Installations

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 Mac-Veigh, explained the history of the act, and the position of Council, by stating that Dallas Borough in itself s hot an offender since it does not operate a sewage system entering any State stream; but that certain individ-

uals in the community are offenders. He explained that cities such as Wilkes-Barre and Boroughs such as Funkhannock where present municipal ystems have their outlets in the Susquehanna River or in other State treams are definite offenders and must remedy the situation by construction of disposal plants. By contrast, Dalas Borough in itself is not an offender, but some property owners, particularly those adjacent to Toby's Creek, are offenders; and if these individuals persist, Dallas Borough will likewise be cited as an offender by the State.

Borough Solicitor Burt B. Lewis interposed. Council, he said, has gone into the costs of a survey to determine the sewage needs of the community and has found that construction of a disposal plant here will impose a burden on the Borough of from one to three million dollars.

Such an expenditure is not necessary at this time, he said, if the few ffending property owners along Main valked into the side of a moving and Lake Streets will do as the rest automobile on the dark curve oppor of the community has done-install site VanCampen's Restaurant in King. septic tanks or sumps. For more than fifty years these people have had free sewage disposal while other citizens have borne the expense of installing their own septic tanks.

Council sees no reason why the rest of the community should be penalized in order that a few may evade their obligation to public health because of their location along a stream

Titman Acts As Spokesman Harold Titman, who was apparent ly spokesman for the property owners, short time before the accident to go asked Council if it would be willing to VanCampen's Restaurant and had to assume the responsibility to reimtaken a short cut through the fields burse Main Street property owners if, after installing septic tanks, State inspectors refuse to accept such installations as satisfactory.

It was the opinion of Solicitor State Troopers Eugene Ware and Lewis that this was a matter to be Frank Miller investigated and sum worked out between the property moned Deputy Coroner Hugh B. owner and the State and was no con-

At that point one of the Council-Mr. Honeywell, a resident of this men quoted Ralph Brickel, Main area for many years, was an employee Street property owner, who was not of Sordoni Construction Company.

He is survived by his wife and willing to install a sentic tank and am willing to install a septic tank and am he following children: Mrs. Hazel going ahead with the work immedi-Lohman, Mrs. Raymond Price, both ately; for years I have had free sew Shavertown; Mrs. Norton New age disposal in Toby's Creek while erry of Aberdeen, Md.; Wilson C., others have had to install tanks and rucksville, and Elmer L. of Plains; have them cleaned out periodically at

It was brought out by the property owners that they are willing to install fternoon at 2 with services in charge proper sewage disposal systems, but in many instances their properties are adjacent to the creek and seepage is bound to enter that stream; during flood periods water is apt to back up into their sumps. They asked if Council would provide an engineer to help them with their construction problems.

Here again, it was the contention of solicitor Lewis that it is not the responsibility of the Borough to provide sanitary engineering any more than it is to provide an architect for a man to build a house. Council, he said, is concerned pri-

marily with facing its responsibility to the State by seeing to it that it is not an offender through the wilful action of its citizens who persist in dumping raw sewage into a State stream. That's why this ordinance was are Henry Peterson, chairman, with passed and that is why you will have to obey it.

Plan Town Meeting Council did, however, consent to the suggestion of a spokesman, that a town meeting be held shortly in Dallas Borough High School and that representatives of the State Department of Health. State College or some other recognized authority acquaint the community with the implications of the State Law as well as advise citizens how they can meet their responsibilities under it.

Among those in the property owners are invited to come and enjoy them make this year's event even more time or another during the course of group, most of whom spoke at one selves. Mrs. Janet Smith of Lake attractive for participants as well as the session were: A. C. Devens, Wes-(Continued on Page Eight)