Editorially Speaking:_____ Speed Trap

This will be another editorial that will offend. It is aimed at a dozen or more young people between the ages of sixteen and thirty in this community, who only for the grace of God, have not shared a similar fate to that of David Murray Edwards who died on the concrete west of Dallas Tuesday morning-or to those on the upper right

hand corner of this page. There were no thrills in their uncalled for deaths. They were not defending their country, not racing on an errand of mercy or for a doctor or going to a fire. They were not dying for an ideal or a cause. One was driving home for a sickle to lend a friend, another was out for a ride with his girl, others were going home or on their way to the lake for fun. Most of them were travelling at night.

Most of them were just out of school. They were young and full of life. They had a zest for living and the whole world lay ahead of them. Most of them knew more about an automobile and what makes it work than their elders. They were "good" drivers, able to make an automobile talk or to respond quickly in the pinches. They knew all the makes and models and which were the best. They were quick in their responses and reactions-but they were not all safe drivers. They lacked the judgement that comes with years and with seeing accidents just like the ones in which they died.

Perhaps they weren't to blame for the accidents in which they met their appointments with death, but the cards were pretty well stacked against them. Most of them were fast drivers. Some of them had reputations for putting an automobile through its paces. Maybe they weren't all speeders; but invariably police, coroners and others who helped clean up the gruesome wreckage, nodded their heads and muttered-"too much speed"

We could substitute the names of twenty-three others in this community for those in this editorial. Their families would be as grief-stricken this sunlit morning as theirs

Swell kids, thoughtful of themselves and othersuntil they get behind the steering wheel of their own or their dads' cars.

We know one that thrilled a group of teen-agers at ninety miles an hour at midnight a few weeks ago between Tunkhannock and Russell Hill, another whom God spared a few nights ago on DeMunds Road as he showed his friends how to hit the bumps and keep the wheels off the road. We know others who can cut fancy swirls on the open concrete, and a few weeks ago a friend of ours passed a chap in a convertible who stood up behind the wheel laughing with his hands above his head-as his car tore down the highway.

What does this all add up to? Nothing! Accidents happen only to other people. Statistics are dull reading. Demolished automobiles and broker, bodies are gruesome and fascinating. Traffic regulations are for old codgers and slowpokes; a good driver can step on the gas and get away with it. There is always a way out of traffic violations. Yes—but there are speed traps that really work. The big curve outside of Dallas is only one of them!



Vol. 60, No. 33 **Draft Board 92 Three Projects Is Preparing For Inductions** 112 Men Called For Physical

Examinations

Local Draft Board No. 92 with headquarters in the Postoffice at Senior, and Willard Race, a junior, in Dallas. Kingston is stepping up. in planning and carrying out their Fifty men were called for physi- projects.

cal examination on August 4 and about one out of every seven who for the local markets.

take their physical examination cucumbers picked in three stages, When the call comes for induc- pickling, cukes, and jumbos. Tomation, probably next week, the first toes go to the tomato auction for men to fill the quota will be from purchase and packing, cucumbers the groups above who have suc- find ready market in Kingston. cessfully passed their physical examinations

The Kingston Board is one of picnic at Perrin's Marsh, followed the largest in the county and com- by soft-ball and horse-shoe pitchprises old Draft Board No.1, with ing. neadquarters in Wyoming; old Draft Board No. 2 with headquarters in Board No. 2 with headquarters in Luzerne and old Board No. 3 with George Drake headquarters in Kingston. The area covered is from West Pittston to Plymouth on this side of the river Dies Suddenly and includes most of the Back Mountain area with the exception of Lake, Lehman and Jackson Townships, which belong to Ply-

nouth The men now being called for physical examination are in and Mrs. Sheldon Drake, Lehman the twenty-five year age group and Avenue, died suddenly Sunday lower. Men of lower age will be night as a result of injuries sus-

increases. sicians, dentists, and ministers. There are no exemptions for es- Franklin funeral.

sential industries, since Selective Service at the present time recog- road to uneventful recovery, though nizes no shortage of help in any pain in the legs persisted and conndustrv

Students who have finished one Thursday at General Hospital on rear of college work and who are the advice of Dr. Sherman Schooley, n the upper half of their class and showed no damage to the bone

who present certificates to that structure. effect are exempt for the completion Late in the evening on Sunday, of their college course. Other stu- his father lifted him to care for dents may obtain postponements him, and George collapsed. His

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1950 **Church Soloist Killed In Fall** Mrs. Lydia Kraybill **Plunges Downstairs**

Students of Luzerne and Lacka-wanna County Vocational Agricul-ture Courses made an inspection ed the entire Back Mountain area. tour of three projects yesterday, all of them in Franklin Township. Mrs. Kraybill was widely known for her excellent voice, was prominent While no calls have yet been received for actual induction of men into military service, activity at Local Draft Board No 92 with

It was after she had rehearsed for a Sunday morning solo at the Starting at 9 a.m. one hundred Free Methodist Church that she another fifty-one on August 9. Of students, accompanied by Howard fell victim to her fatal accident. this number only sixteen were Newcomer, County Supervisor of Leaving the church, she opened the passed as eligible for induction. Agriculture inspected five acres of door leading to the basement in-Now another call has been received tomatoes and five acres of cabbage stead of the door leading outside. for the physical examination of grown by Andrew Matties; one acre Rev. Alverta Sechler, waiting for sixty-five men on August 25 and of tomatoes and a dairy calf grown her guest to leave before ascending another forty-seven on August 31. by Donald Lewis; and three acres of the stairs to her apartment, heard Experience of the Board shows that cucumbers grown by Willard Race the fall as Mrs. Kraybill plunged headfirst down the stairs, and summoned help. Tomatoes will be harvested green, Harveys Lake ambulance arrived

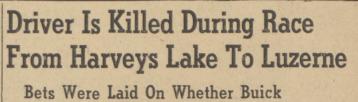
shortly and Fred Swanson examined the victim, pronounced her dead, and indicated that services of the coroner would be required. Dr. A. A. Mascali, the family phy-Plans for the inspection day, sician, concurred with Dr. L. S. rain or shine, included an evening Reese, county coroner, in naming a fractured skull as the immediate cause of death, and the body was released to Paul Nulton, funeral director.

> Mrs. Kraybill, the former Lydia Kuehn, during the time of her marriage to a former husband, Karl Rohrbach, was soloist for 19 years at York Presbyterian Church and for eight years at York Zion Re-formed Church. A graduate of West Chester State Teachers College, she also taught school in York for four years. It is in York, at Mount

George Drake, 16, son of Mr. Rose Cemetery, that she is buried. Mrs. Mary Virginia Rohrbach. Mrs. Kraybill's first husband's called as the demand for induction tained when he fell from a tree at mother, nearing eighty-four, has the Van Horn place on Church made her home with the Kraybill's Exempt for the present are phy- street Monday afternoon while his ever since their residence in Dallas, parents were attending the Ralph a singularly harmonious arrange

ment. Arrangements had been recently He had apparently been on the completed for purchase of the twofamily house in which the family lived, and plans for future retirefined him to his bed. X-rays, taken ment made.

Shiber Judges Mrs. Kraybill is survived by her husband, Henry Kraybill; her step-In Big Leagues mother, Mrs. Jean Kuehn, both of Dallas; a son, Karl Rohrback, of Allentown; a stepdaughter, Nancy Kraybill, of Wheeling, West Vir-



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Chamber of Commerce annual

Goodwill Tour, burned in the

St. Lawrence River Monday af-

ternoon, possible cancellation of

the tour made no change in

Arlean Bowman's plans. One of

the four Back Mountain men,

Bert Hill, Ed Hall, and Dave

Schooley, he had already sent

in his regrets, and made other

arrangements for an outing

which would not interfere with

weekend business in the new

that with platters of roast tur-

key baked ham and roast

beef on every side, the staff is

unable to get a mouthful until

after four P.M. when there is a

lull before the evening cus-

tomers arrive. Sunday Al will

start for Canada and a well-

earned fishing trip, accompan-

ied by his younger daughter,

The only string to Dianne's

participation in the adventure

is that she must catch a fish.

Last time she was in Canada

she was too young to be in-

terested, but now that she is

thirteen, her father feels that

she should learn how to man-

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Sunday business is so brisk

restaurant.

Dianne.

age a reel.

When the cruise ship "Que-

Stocky, likable Daniel Murray Edwards, 32, West Chester State Teachers College graduate, bartender at Irem Temple Country Club for the past three years, was instantly killed at 3:30 Tuesday morning when his 1941 Buick convertible, zooming out of the night in a race from Harveys Lake to Luzerne crashed into a Luzerne County Gas & Electric service pole just beyond Rave's Nursery on the sweeping curve at the approach to Dallas.

Behind him, racing in a borrowed 🔊 1950 Chrysler sedan, was Anthony

BOX SCORE Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious Accidents Since V-J Day

TOWNSHIP

Hospitalized Killed

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Daywood, 27, 42 Columbus Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. Struck across the right top and windshield by pieces of the flying service pole, Daywood's car rushed on with brakes screaming, out of control, until it crashed into the guard rails on the far left of the highway some 274 feet distant. He was stunned and shocked but not seriously injured. Neighbors in the vicinity, awakened by the screaming brakes of both cars, rushed to their assistance. Others on Lehman Avenue and Parrish Heights also awakened rolled over and went back to sleep. First to arrive was Gordon Lloyd. Overbrook Avenue, who had just reached Dallas from Wilkes-Barre. As he approached the scene the Chrysler's lights were still on and the motor running. He turned them both off. Another who came to their aid was L. L. Richardson, Dallas garageman, who lives on the high bank on Terrace street just above the accident scene. As he ran down the darkened highway he heard a voice call, "I'll get to a phone and call an ambulance and police." It was apparently Walter Wolfe, Meeker orchardist, who had been coming lown the highway behind the racers with a truckload of produce.

Richardson ran immediately to he green Chrysler pinned against the guard rails. Others came shortly o move the car so the driver could get out. There were only 2040 miles on the speedometer.

By that time someone asked, "What happened to the other fel-low?" "He's dead" was the ans-wer. "Crushed horribly over there on the ground.

Richardson didn't walk over to the dead man.

Chief of Police Russell Honeywell, who heard the crash from his Lake street bedroom and was pulling on his trousers, was summoned by Rita Cummings of Machell avenue. With officer Fiske he investigated, telephoned Dr. A. A. Mascali, Howard Woolbert's ambulance, State Police, the light company and the coroner. Doctors Gallagher and Mascali arrived, treated the injured man and waited for Coroner Lewis Reese, Jr. But several in the crowd who viewed the gruesome scene, knew the story behind the tragedy. They had driven from the Sunset end of Harveys Lake to see if the drivers had reached Dallas without acci-The show at Binghamton has a dent. Among them was Joseph Lawsection reserved for amateurs, but zano, 50 Hill Street, Wilkes-Barre, Earlier, at one a.m. they had heard a wrangle outside a Lake tavern between Edwards and Daywood, apparently strangers until stock imported to the West Coast then, who had a few beers. It was from New Zealand and Australia. the continuation of an argument Ray, in spite of his impressive that had started earlier at the bar blooms did not feel that any of them | when Edwards, an "excellent" drivthe respective merits, speed and en-

Seemed Recovering

From Injuries

Visitors Inspect Vocational Students Make Annual Rounds

THE DALLAS POST

MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

Why a smooth stretch of highway with a broad and inviting curve, a wide and level three-lane artery with plenty of room for passing, should change its spots after midnight and convert itself into a man-trap, remains a mystery only so long as the human equation is not taken into account.

The history of that curve leading out of Dallas toward Harveys Lake runs true to form.

Up until midnight, cars negotiate the curve without complications. A solid stream of weekend traffic Here In East rounds it in both directions, slow ing down at the Borough limits in anticipation of central traffic lights, picking up legitimate speed on the highway.

After midnight the picture changes, and every added hour unsix a.m. adds to the danger. There is the feeling that the hour is late, that more time has Swanson at Ruggles, accompanied Monday. been spent at the tavern than in-by his wife and two sons, Edwin, 9, tended.

There is the wide highway with and Wilbur W., 5. plenty of room for everybody. There is that third lane in the middle, a brothers, of whom Fred Swanson, no-mans' land which belongs in the Chief of Police at Harveys Lake, is mind of the speeding motorist to one, has been head of the Luther him, and not to the car coming from the opposite direction and the ing as matron. The Home draws its driver in an equal hurry.

night driving, and responsible for of Northeast Wisconsin and the upmost of the accidents.

the unknown quantity. Without re- range in age from 68 to 92. gard for anybody, exhilarated by two cars, both rocketing along in Traverse City, Mancelona, Roscom- employed at Natona Mills. the same direction, frequently tak- mon, and Rapid River, Michigan, ing up all three lanes.

Often the racers get away with Home in 1942. it. They have preempted a high- He wil preach at the Lutheran way designed for ordinary traffic Church of the Reformation, Lakeand turned it into a race track. ton, at 8:45, this coming Sunday, Luck has been with them. Provi- and again at St. Luke's, Noxen at dence has seen to it that decent 11 a.m.

motorists who had planned to turn onto the highway at that moment Committee Formed

have been delayed for a split second, long enough for flying death For Better Schools to pass them by.

grinding wheels, shattered glass chairman and Paul Mulcey as tem- ville. and shrieking steel.

When it is the racers themselves who are killed or who suffer fright- tive of all Back Mountain Comful injury, with no innocent parties munities attended and discussed from the community. No matter come better acquainted with school plete his missions over Germany eral discussion and question period

(Continued on Page Five) problems in the area.

Head of Home Rev. E. H. Swanson **Visits In Ruggles**

Rev. Edwin H. Swanson, superintendent of Luther Home for the tary is Mrs. Alice Uhl of Dallas. armful at a time. A grade A student Aged at Marinette, Wisconsin is Mrs. Thomas Reese, Dallas became he would have entered the junior visiting his mother, Mrs. Frank assistant secretary starting this year at Dallas Borough High School

Rev. Swanson, one of four

Home for eight years, his wife actpermanent guests from 66 congre-That is the norm of after-mid- gations of the Superior Conference

But the man who wants to race is sent they number thirty-four, and are: Educated at Upsala College, East | William Price, Fernbrook Road, has

speed and his belief that his own Orange, and Augustana Theological enlisted in the Air Corps and was car can lick anything on the road, Seminary at Rock Island, Ill., he sworn into service on Thursday. He car can lick anything on the road, beinnary at noch Island, in, the short and bear of duty at San Bearers were: Dick Lavene, Can be presses his gas pedal to the was ordained at Omaha Nebraska will leave Monday for duty at San Bailey, David Kunkle, Jerry Mafloor and takes off. A race involves in 1937. He served congregations at Antonio, Texas. Arnold has been

in occupied Japan.

porary secretary.

About twenty persons representa-

ginia; a stepbrother, John Ammer they are in school when called, but and George recovered conscious- man, Allentown; and a nephew, or a semester or school year if parents applied artificial respiration students must in any event take ness; but died within a matter of Frank Kuehn, of Dallas. their physical examinations. minutes.

A great reader, George welcomed

this fall.

All married men are in Class 3A, George, starting from frail bebut those not living with their fam- ginnings, had built himself by Tuesday morning, Rev. Frederick Tuesday, his partners were the ilies or "establishing bona fide fam- sheer will-power an increasingly husky body. Not willing to stand ily relationships" are in 1A. Chairman of Board 92 is Joseph by while other boys used their

H. MacVeigh of Dallas who is this muscles, but barred from competiyear rounding out his tenth con- tive sports such as basketball and secutive year with Selective Ser- football by reason of limited lung vice, having been chairman of old capacity, he took to bicycling and Board No. 1 at Wyoming when it tree climbing, and was frequently

was established. Other Board mem- found at the top of a tall tree debers are W. R. Thomas, Luzerne, vouring a Zane Gray western. former chairman of old Board 2 at Luzerne and Rev. J. L. Weisley, the opening of the Back Mountain of old Board 3, Kingston. Secre- Library and drew out books, an

Board hours are from 8:15 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Local Men Are

Called To Duty A number of Back Mountain men

per peninsula of Michigan. At pre- for military service. Some of them Arnold Price, son of Mr. and Mrs.

and was appointed to the Luther Hart, Machell Avenue, left Saturday Mrs. S. R. Schooley William Hart, son of Mrs. Helen for two weeks duty with a reserve unit at Fort Knox, Tenn. Bill was To Talk At St. Paul's formerly with an Airborne Division

Ernest Reese, petty officer 3/c, friends of St. Paul's Lutheran lot.

the Navy in World War II from 1 p.m. 1943 until 1946, most of the time A program of special interest is more applause from the public, and pass and flashlight key holder. Prizes will be awarded in

cars to pass who is the victim. formed Monday night at Back Plant of Bloomsburg Mills. He has Sherman S. Schooley wil tell about ket. Sometimes it is the car turning Mountain Memorial Library with a little daughter, Cookie. His wife the work of that organization both into the highway that is caught by Francis Ambrose as temporary is the former Alice Davis of Trucks- in the local field and nationally.

and Austria during World War II. following their talks.

Funeral services were held in the Dallas Methodist Church at 10:30 Reinfurt officiating.

Dallas bearers were: Herbert Smith, Zel Garinger, Lewis LeGrand Sr., Wardan Kunkle, Richard Oliver. Raymond Kuhnert and Gail Shaver.

Bearers at York were: Jacob Rohrbach, James Messersmith, James Rabine, Wilbur Flinchbaugh, Gale Flinchbaugh, and William Blaebaum

T. G. Reese Recovering From Severe Burns

> Thomas Reese, Franklin street, painfully burned on July 14 by a

His constant companions, David Kunkle, Lee White, and Eddie Van- grease fire which he was endeavor-

fall, visited him during his conunable to use his hands, he is no finement, without a thought in any longer confined to bed, but has Lions Club Meeting mind that the injuries would prove fatal. Exact cause of death remains been up and about for about a

week. His face will apparently a mystery, though a blood clot from a deep bruise may have been responsible.

have left or are preparing to leave at Brickel's Funeral Home on Wednesday afternon at 2:30 by Rev. Ralph VanNortwick of Houston, Texas, a friend of the family here

on vacation. Interment was in Fern Knoll.

Bearers were: Dick Lavelle, Carl chell, Lee White, David Evans, Eddie Van Horn.

being stationed in the Pacific where being prepared with two outstand- more approval from judges. Sometimes it is the man standing The Back Mountain Citizen's he was a radio technician. He has ing guest speakers. The district Here are some suggestions from following events: best handler, larg-by the roadside waiting for the Committee for Better Schools was been employed at Fernbrook Park president of the W.S.C.S., Mrs. Mr. Dixon, owner of Dixon's Mar-est dog, smallest dog, best groomed

later than August 21.

Miss Mildred Wagner who is a 2. Brush your dog clean on the show. Claude Warden, son of Mr. and full time worker with the Lutheran morning of the parade.

Mrs. Ray Warden, Trucksville, was Childrens Bureau will bring inforcalled back to service on August mation regarding that agency of times. (He may be as excited as Kennel Club, Mrs. Lloyd B. Kear Mosier, prominent Dallas Township 15. Claude was one of the first the United Lutheran Church. Both you are, and will need your help and Donald Clark. involved, there is a paean of praise means by which they might be- Back Mountain airmen to com- speakers will participate in a gen- in getting over his nervousness.) 4. Show off your dog-not your- Phillips. self. Your job will be to help the

500 Glad Class

One of Three For

Ray Shiber, Dallas, was one of three judges in the 500 class at the Binghamton Gladiolus Show on heads of the Botanical Gardens in

Boston and New York. Ray, a fancier of glads himself, is in great demand as a judge. Last year he was called upon for seventeen flower shows in addition to

judging for county fairs.

the bulk of the glads come from owner of the Chrysler. professional growers all over the world, with entries from the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany, and flowers grown from

Horn, present at the time of his ing to extinguish, is making a good merited being taken to Binghamton er, and Daywood had argued over recovery at his home. Though still for the amateur class.

bear no scars, and feeling is begin-Club will be guests of Hanover Frasier show room) and return. ning to come back to the numbed Township Lions Club at the Melody They posted \$10 each, still deposhands. The burns were deep and Club, Hanover Township, Tuesday. damage great, but no infection set Dinner at 6:30. Guest speaker will Companions reasoned with them in. Dr. Budd Schooley is pleased be State Boxing Commissioner, with the progress of his patient. George Jones.

Groom Dog, Keep It On Leash, "Ettiket" for Pard Pet Parade

People just naturally like sharp looking dogs and well mannered masters, according to Ralph Dixon, one of the sponsors of the Pard dog will have an equal chance at head start. There was a roar of Pet Parade to be held next Wed- being named a winner."

All women who are members or nesday at 10 at Acme Parking The long list of prizes includes: scendo going at top speed and then

U.S. Naval Reserve, will leave for Church, Shavertown, are invited to For that reason, masters who ler skates, hunting knife and ness. The little knot of eight or ten duty with the United States Navy attend the next meeting of the Wo- enter dogs in the Pard Pet Parade sheath, boys and girls leather wal- men slouched fatalistically back to on August 23rd. He served with mens' Auxiliary on August 23 at should follow a few simple rules let, pocket knife, fountain pen, the tavern to await their return, that are sure to help them get mechanical pencil, telescope, com- but the tavern keeper refused to

Prizes will be awarded in the

1. Enter the parade early. Not est tailed, longest eared, shortest Mrs. John Edwards of Harveys

Judges will be Mrs. Thomas B.

durance of the Buick and Chrysler. Finally they challenged each other to a race to Frank's Diner

Members of Old Toll Gate Lions in Luzerne (across from Kaiserited in a cigar box at the Tavern. and tried to dissuade them from their folly, even taking the keys of one. They were told to "mind you're own business, we know how to drive".

"But what about other folks on the road?" another pleaded. He was met with contempt and disdain.

The drivers slipped behind the racing motors that built into a cre-

Ansco camera, Daisy air rifle, rol- quickly died in the distant darkopen.

Shortly one after another started Here are some suggestions from following events: best handler, larg- down the highway in their cars. Born in Wilkes-Barre Edwards best trickster, longest tailed, short- was the son of the late Mr. and

eared, shortest haired and best in Lake. He was a graduate of Meyers High School.

On May 31, 1941 he was the 3. Keep him on a leash at all Robinson, secretary, Back Mountain driver of a car that killed Melvin farmer at the intersection of Route Announcer will be Little Bill 309 and the Country Club Road. near Dallas Township School. He re-(Continued on Page Five)