

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...

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.

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.

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.

We could substitute the names of twenty-three others in this community for those in this editorial.

Swell kids, thoughtful of themselves and others—until they get behind the steering wheel of their own or their dad's 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.

What does this all add up to? Nothing! Accidents happen only to other people. Statistics are dull reading.

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FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

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...

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 rounds it in both directions.

After midnight the picture changes, and every added hour until six a.m. adds to the danger.

There is the wide highway with plenty of room for everybody. There is that third lane in the middle, a no-man's land which belongs in the mind of the speeding motorist.

That is the norm of after-midnight driving, and responsible for most of the accidents.

But the man who wants to race is the unknown quantity. Without regard for anybody, exhilarated by speed and his belief that his own car can lick anything on the road...

Often the racers get away with it. They have preempted a highway designed for ordinary traffic and turned it into a race track.

Sometimes it is the man standing by the roadside waiting for the cars to pass who is the victim. Sometimes it is the car turning into the highway that is caught by grinding wheels, shattered glass and shrieking steel.

When it is the racers themselves who are killed or who suffer frightful injury, with no innocent parties involved, there is a paean of praise from the community. No matter

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Head of Home Here In East

Rev. E. H. Swanson Visits In Ruggles

Rev. Edwin H. Swanson, superintendent of Luther Home for the Aged at Marinette, Wisconsin is visiting his mother, Mrs. Frank Swanson at Ruggles, accompanied by his wife and two sons, Edwin, 9, and Wilbur W., 5.

Rev. Swanson, one of four brothers, of whom Fred Swanson, Chief of Police at Harveys Lake, is one, has been head of the Luther Home for eight years, his wife acting as matron. The Home draws its permanent guests from 66 congregations of the Superior Conference of Northeast Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

He will preach at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Laketon, at 8:45, this coming Sunday, and again at St. Luke's, Noxen at 11 a.m.

Committee Formed For Better Schools

The Back Mountain Citizen's Committee for Better Schools was formed Monday night at Back Mountain Memorial Library with Francis Ambrose as temporary chairman and Paul Mulvey as temporary secretary.

About twenty persons representative of all Back Mountain Communities attended and discussed means by which they might become better acquainted with school problems in the area.

Draft Board 92 Is Preparing For Inductions

112 Men Called For Physical Examinations

While no calls have yet been received for actual induction of men into military service, activity at Local Draft Board No. 92 with headquarters in the Postoffice at Kingston is stepping up.

Fifty men were called for physical examination on August 4 and another fifty-one on August 9. Of this number only sixteen were passed as eligible for induction.

When the call comes for induction, probably next week, the first men to fill the quota will be from the groups above who have successfully passed their physical examinations.

The Kingston Board is one of the largest in the county and comprises old Draft Board No.1, with headquarters in Wyoming; old Draft Board No. 2 with headquarters in Luzerne and old Board No. 3 with headquarters in Kingston.

The men now being called for physical examination are in the twenty-five year age group and lower. Men of lower age will be called as the demand for induction increases.

Exempt for the present are physicians, dentists, and ministers. There are no exemptions for essential industries, since Selective Service at the present time recognizes no shortage of help in any industry.

Students who have finished one year of college work and who are in the upper half of their class and who present certificates to that effect are exempt for the completion of their college course.

All married men are in Class 3A, but those not living with their families or "establishing bona fide family relationships" are in 1A.

Chairman of Board 92 is Joseph H. MacVeigh of Dallas who is this year rounding out his tenth consecutive year with Selective Service, having been chairman of old Board No. 1 at Wyoming when it was established. Other Board members are W. R. Thomas, Luzerne, former chairman of old Board 2 at Luzerne and Rev. J. L. Weisley, of old Board 3, Kingston. Secretary is Mrs. Alice Uhl of Dallas.

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 have left or are preparing to leave for military service. Some of them are:

Arnold Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Price, Fernbrook Road, has enlisted in the Air Corps and was sworn into service on Thursday. He will leave Monday for duty at San Antonio, Texas.

William Hart, son of Mrs. Helen Hart, Machell Avenue, left Saturday for two weeks duty with a reserve unit at Fort Knox, Tenn. Bill was formerly with an Airborne Division in occupied Japan.

Ernest Reese, petty officer 3/c, U.S. Naval Reserve, will leave for duty with the United States Navy on August 23rd. He served with the Navy in World War II from 1943 until 1946, most of the time being stationed in the Pacific where he was a radio technician.

Claude Warden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warden, Trucksville, was called back to service on August 13. Claude was one of the first Back Mountain airmen to complete his missions over Germany and Austria during World War II.

Visitors Inspect Three Projects

Vocational Students Make Annual Rounds

Students of Luzerne and Lackawanna County Vocational Agriculture Courses made an inspection tour of three projects yesterday, all of them in Franklin Township.

Sheldon Mosier, head of Vocational Agriculture at Dallas Township School, has assisted Andrew Matties, a senior, Donald Lewis, senior, and Willard Race, a junior, in planning and carrying out their projects.

Starting at 9 a.m. one hundred students, accompanied by Howard Newcomer, County Supervisor of Agriculture inspected five acres of tomatoes and five acres of cabbage grown by Andrew Matties; one acre of tomatoes and a dairy calf grown by Donald Lewis; and three acres of cucumbers grown by Willard Race for the local markets.

Tomatoes will be harvested green, cucumbers picked in three stages, pickling, cukes, and jumbos. Tomatoes go to the tomato auction for purchase and packing, cucumbers find ready market in Kingston.

Plans for the inspection day, rain or shine, included an evening picnic at Perrin's Marsh, followed by soft-ball and horse-shoe pitching.

George Drake Dies Suddenly

Seemed Recovering From Injuries

George Drake, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Drake, Lehman Avenue, died suddenly Sunday night as a result of injuries sustained when he fell from a tree at the Van Horn place on Church street Monday afternoon while his parents were attending the Ralph Franklin funeral.

He had apparently been on the road to uneventful recovery, though pain in the legs persisted and confined him to his bed. X-rays, taken Thursday at General Hospital on the advice of Dr. Sherman Schooley, showed no damage to the bone structure.

Late in the evening on Sunday, his father lifted him to care for him, and George collapsed. His parents applied artificial respiration and George recovered consciousness; but died within a matter of minutes.

George, starting from frail beginnings, had built himself by sheer will-power an increasingly husky body. Not willing to stand by while other boys used their muscles, but barred from competitive sports such as basketball and football by reason of limited lung capacity, he took to bicycling and tree climbing, and was frequently found at the top of a tall tree devouring a Zane Gray western.

A great reader, George welcomed the opening of the Back Mountain Library and drew out books, an armful at a time. A grade A student he would have entered the junior year at Dallas Borough High School this fall.

His constant companions, David Kunkle, Lee White, and Eddie VanHorn, present at the time of his fall, visited him during his confinement, without a thought in any mind that the injuries would prove fatal. Exact cause of death remains a mystery, though a blood clot from a deep bruise may have been responsible.

Funeral services were conducted at Brickell's Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon 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 Bailey, David Kunkle, Jerry Machell, Lee White, David Evans, Eddie Van Horn.

Mrs. S. R. Schooley To Talk At St. Paul's

All women who are members or friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, are invited to attend the next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary on August 23 at 1 p.m.

A program of special interest is being prepared with two outstanding guest speakers. The district president of the W.S.C.S., Mrs. Sherman S. Schooley will tell about the work of that organization both in the local field and nationally.

Miss Mildred Wagner who is a full time worker with the Lutheran Childrens Bureau will bring information regarding that agency of the United Lutheran Church. Both speakers will participate in a general discussion and question period following their talks.

Church Soloist Killed In Fall

Mrs. Lydia Kraybill Plunges Downstairs

The tragic death of Mrs. Lydia Kraybill, 55, Saturday night shocked the entire Back Mountain area. Mrs. Kraybill was widely known for her excellent voice, was prominent as a soloist at Dallas Methodist Church, and in demand as a guest soloist for neighboring churches, during her eight years' residence in Dallas.

It was after she had rehearsed for a Sunday morning solo at the Free Methodist Church that she fell victim to her fatal accident. Leaving the church, she opened the door leading to the basement instead of the door leading outside. Rev. Alveta Sechler, waiting for her guest to leave before ascending the stairs to her apartment, heard the fall as Mrs. Kraybill plunged headfirst down the stairs, and summoned help.

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 physician, concurred with Dr. L. S. 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 Reformed Church. A graduate of West Chester State Teachers College, she also taught school in York for four years. It is in York, at Mount Rose Cemetery, that she is buried.

Mrs. Mary Virginia Rohrbach, Mrs. Kraybill's first husband's mother, nearing eighty-four, has made her home with the Kraybills ever since their residence in Dallas, a singularly harmonious arrangement.

Arrangements had been recently completed for purchase of the two-family house in which the family lived, and plans for future retirement made.

Mrs. Kraybill is survived by her husband, Henry Kraybill; her stepmother, Mrs. Jean Kuehn, both of Dallas; a son, Karl Rohrbach, of Allentown; a stepdaughter, Nancy Kraybill, of Wheeling, West Virginia; a stepbrother, John Ammerman, Allentown; and a nephew, Frank Kuehn, of Dallas.

Funeral services were held in the Dallas Methodist Church at 10:30 Tuesday morning, Rev. Frederick Reinfort officiating.

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

T. G. Reese Recovering From Severe Burns

Thomas Reese, Franklin street, painfully burned on July 14 by a grease fire which he was endeavoring to extinguish, is making a good recovery at his home. Though still unable to use his hands, he is no longer confined to bed, but has been up and about for about a week. His face will apparently bear no scars, and feeling is beginning to come back to the numbed hands. The burns were deep and damage great, but no infection set in. Dr. Budd Schooley is pleased with the progress of his patient.

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 Pet Parade to be held next Wednesday at 10 at Acme Parking lot.

For that reason, masters who enter dogs in the Pard Pet Parade should follow a few simple rules that are sure to help them get more applause from the public, and more approval from judges.

Here are some suggestions from Mr. Dixon, owner of Dixon's Market.

- 1. Enter the parade early. Not later than August 21.
2. Brush your dog clean on the morning of the parade.
3. Keep him on a leash at all times. (He may be as excited as you are, and will need your help in getting over his nervousness.)
4. Show off your dog—not your self. Your job will be to help the

Driver Is Killed During Race From Harveys Lake To Luzerne

Bets Were Laid On Whether Buick Or Chrysler Was the Better Car

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 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 bank on Terrace street just above the accident scene.

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 interested, but now that she is thirteen, her father feels that she should learn how to manage a reel.

Shiber Judges In Big Leagues

One of Three For 500 Glad Class

Ray Shiber, Dallas, was one of three judges in the 500 class at the Binghamton Gladiolus Show on Tuesday, his partners were the 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 show at Binghamton has a section reserved for amateurs, but the bulk of the glads come from professional growers all over the world, with entries from the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany, and flowers grown from stock imported to the West Coast from New Zealand and Australia.

Lions Club Meeting

Members of Old Toll Gate Lions Club will be guests of Hanover Township Lions Club at the Melody Club, Hanover Township, Tuesday, Dinner at 6:30. Guest speaker will be State Boxing Commissioner, George Jones.

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 accident.

Earlier, at one a.m. they had heard a wrangle outside a Lake tavern between Edwards and Daywood, apparently strangers until then, who had a few beers. It was the continuation of an argument that had started earlier at the bar when Edwards, an "excellent" driver, and Daywood had argued over the respective merits, speed and endurance of the Buick and Chrysler.

Finally they challenged each other to a race to Frank's Diner in Luzerne (across from Kaiser-Frasier show room) and return. They posted \$10 each, still deposited in a cigar box at the Tavern. Companions reasoned with them and tried to dissuade them from their folly, even taking the keys of one. They were told to "mind your own business, we know how to drive."

On May 31, 1941 he was the driver of a car that killed Melvin Mosier, prominent Dallas Township farmer at the intersection of Route 309 and the Country Club Road near Dallas Township School. He re-

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