

Killed By Car As Sled Slides Onto Highway

William Belles, 11, Was Coasting In Playmate's Yard

An eleven year old Demunds Road lad was almost instantly killed last Saturday afternoon when the sled he was piloting shot out into the road and was struck by a car on glare ice.

William Belles died when his chest was crushed by the wheel.

Walter Mekeel of Center Moreland, driving toward Fernbrook, swerved instantly in an attempt to avoid hitting the child, when the sled came hurtling out from behind a garage. The sled swerved in the same direction.

Billy's playmate Carl Derhammer, in whose yard the two friends were coasting, rolled to safety from the sled.

Clyde Birth's wrecker lifted the car from the victim. The boy died within seconds after being crushed. The small body lay on the ice in bitter cold while the accident was investigated and pictures taken for the records.

His father, William Belles Sr., was away from home at the time of the accident. His mother was informed after the car had been lifted.

Deputy coroner Stephen Glova and Dr. Charles Perkins were summoned.

Investigating officers were Dallas Township Chief Frank Lange, patrolman Albert Hoover and Stanley Gardiner, and the State Police.

Mr. Mekeel, 45, an employee of Dale Parry, posted \$2,500 bail for involuntary manslaughter upon appearing before Justice of the Peace George Prater.

Billy, a student at Westmoreland Elementary School, leaves in addition to his parents eight brothers and sisters: Dale, Larry, Beverly, June, James, Timothy, John and Robert, all at home; his paternal grandfather, Heber Belles of Beaumont.

Services were conducted by Elder Percy Lamb of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Beaumont, from the Nulton Funeral home Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Orcutt Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Irvin Barker, Richard Hardsall, John Dymond, Robert Riefenberry, Gary Wood, and Bucky Weber; flower carriers, Bobby Costello, Carl Derhammer, Dale Swan, Dick and Bill Morgan.

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Fish Killing Not Yet Solved

To date Pennsylvania Fish Commission has been unable to pinpoint responsibility for the recent fish kill in Bowman's Creek and it is not likely to be able to do so although there are strong suspicions of the source of the killings.

Representatives of the Commission have stated that no fish were found dead in any of the tributaries to Bowman's Creek and that all of the dead fish were found along the stream in the area two miles below Noxen from the bridge at Lutes Corners to Eatonville.

Many residents of Noxen feel that it is unfair to jump to the conclusion that tanning extracts from the closed Armour Leather Company caused the trouble and they are quick to point out that many of the trout caught from Bowman's are taken down stream from where tanning extracts are allowed to enter the creek under State Department of Health permit.

There is a widely held belief in Noxen, that calcium chloride used to open a clogged highway sluice may have been responsible for the damage although Fish Wardens believe this.

Residents of Noxen say that several large bags of salt used to open the drain could have caused plenty of trouble even though salt has been applied to the highways over the years in lesser amounts with out any apparent damage.

Truckville Firemen Give Annual Report

Truckville Volunteer Fire Company give annual fire call report: Seventeen calls made as follows: One home valued at \$5,500, with a loss of \$4,000. Two home chimney fires. One sofa fire in home. Six car fires, three out on arrival, one a complete loss at \$495. Two wiring losses to cars. Three out of town assists. Four brush fires.

The Coin-Card Drive is under way and cards are being distributed now.

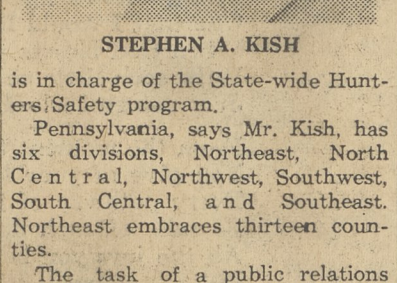
The next regular meeting will be a short business meeting followed by a covered dish supper for the Ladies Auxiliary.

Anyone Lose A Collie?

Mrs. Samuels, Center Hill Road, is sheltering a large black collie which scratched at her door Tuesday night. It was still on her porch yesterday. No collar.

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STEPHEN A. KISH is in charge of the State-wide Hunter Safety program. Pennsylvania, says Mr. Kish, has six divisions, Northeast, North Central, Northwest, Southwest, South Central, and Southeast. Northeast embraces thirteen counties.

The task of a public relations man is to "sell" the Game Commission to the public, and entails going about to various organizations to explain the reasons for restrictions and conservation. The Commission has many interesting films on hand, which may be taken to schools or clubs, for better understanding of game protection in the area.

When Mr. Kish left the Air Force at the end of World War II, he decided to go at once into the Game Commission, making of it a career. He had been brought up on a farm near Johnstown in Western Pennsylvania and was thoroughly familiar with game and the outdoors. At twelve, he was a good shot.

Employment at the Game Commission necessitated a year of training at Brockway, near Dubois, before being assigned to the Lackawanna detail.

While a prisoner of war in Germany, following a crash landing in Denmark, in which two were killed and four wounded, he had plenty of time to plan his future, and an outdoor occupation looked the best to him, harking back to his boyhood on the farm.

His thirteenth mission as co-pilot of a B-17 bomber ended in near-tragedy, when the bomber was shot down by a German fighter-plane on its way home from a raid over Poland. Mr. Kish's leg was mangled by shrapnel. Dragging the broken leg after him, he escaped from the plane just before it burst into flames and was completely destroyed.

He was transferred from a hospital in Denmark to Sagen, Germany, near the Polish border. In the year that followed, with the steady advance of the Russians coming closer and closer, prisoners were taken to Nuremberg, where they were finally liberated by the Eighth Army.

In the meantime, Kish had been exhaustively questioned, while still on crutches, at an interrogation center in Frankfurt. The questioning had ended with a threat that next time it would be the Gestapo, and a return to the Prisoner of War camp.

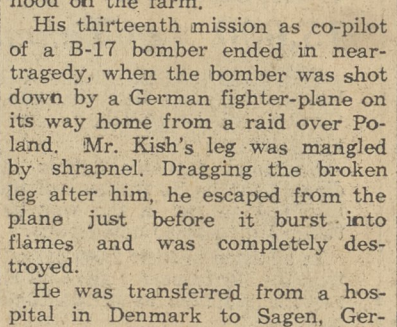
Kish obtained his pilot training at Maxwell Field and Jackson Field, then at Walla Walla in the State of Washington, finally in Oregon and Nebraska. He was with the Eighth Air Force, based in England, when the ill-fated bombing mission ended abruptly in Denmark.

Upon discharge from the service at the end of the war, he married the girl he had been engaged to before he joined the Air Force. His wife, the former Ann V. Markovitch, is an instructor in English at Wilkes College. There are two children, Stephen Jr., 14, and Helen, 11.

Mr. Kish is a native of Jersey city, moving to Pennsylvania with his parents when he was six years old. His father, the late Stephen Kish, died some years ago. His mother, Mrs. Rose Kish, lives in Philadelphia.

The family lives at Moosic. Mr. Kish says that the morning drive to Dallas gives him time to plan his work, but that the Back Mountain is beautiful country, and when the time is ripe, he may decide to move into this area.

In State Band



JOHN WARDELL, junior at Dallas Senior High School, will play in the State Band at Troy, February 15, 16, and 17. John placed first in the cornet section at Honesdale in the District Band.

John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wardell of Westmoreland Hills, has taken private lessons since the fourth grade, and is now studying with Robert Baird of Trucksville. Last year he was a member of the District Band at Montrose, and occupied the first chair in his section. He is a member of the Senior Band and Orchestra, and plays in the West Side Festival Band.

One of the highlights of the State Band will be the presence of James Burke, one of the finest cornetists in the country, who will play several selections, accompanied by the band.

Andrews Breaks Ribs

Walter Andrews, Evergreen St., is suffering from broken ribs. Mr. Andrews fell against a printing machine at the International Color Printing Company where he is employed. We hope the ribs mend quickly and will soon be as good as new.

Civil Defense

Special survival meeting of Civil Defense is scheduled for tonight at 8 at Dallas Senior High School. Colonel Beisel will show films.

New Dallas Community Ambulance Replaces Older Vehicle



Members of Dallas Community Ambulance Board pose with the 1961 Cadillac ambulance, which has been in service since December, when the Cadillac formerly used was sold to Franklin Township. Dallas is still covering for Franklin, until the Franklin association receives its charter.

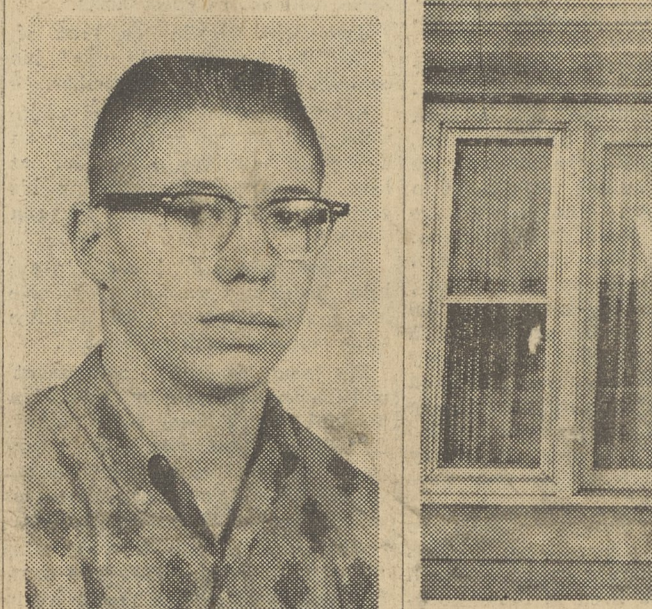
The new blue ambulance has power steering and brakes, extra lights for use when the doors are open to signal oncoming motorists; two-way radio, a stronger heater,

warning buzzer, reflectors.

White Coats are used, and more are being ordered. Cap size of crewmen should be designated by crew captains. O'Malia's Laundry takes care of laundry service without charge.

Crew for next week is captained by Ray Titus. Crewmen: J. Bertie, L. Tinsley, J. Wertman, J. Sheehan.

Look, What Pop's Done



This unique announcement greeted those who passed the Robert Wade home on Lehigh Street, Shavertown, Friday morning.

Only Tuesday evening, members of Dallas Junior Woman's Club had been surprised to see Mrs. Wade at their monthly meeting. The stork had been slightly delayed, but just two days later, thirty-one minutes after Mrs. Wade had been admitted to the hospital a new son joined the family.

Bob and Olive Wade have lived in this area for four years, having come from Oak Park, Ill. They have three other boys, David, 11; Paul, 9; and Tom, 5.

Credit for the picture goes to Mrs. Robert Lewis, a non-professional photographer, but extremely fun-loving.

Highway Department Explains How

A question has been raised as to what becomes of the dwellings and business properties which the State Department of Highways has purchased along the right of way of the new Luzerne-Dallas Highway which will be built this year.

The answer was given this week by representatives of the Right of Way Section of the Highway Department from their offices in Scranton.

They said: buildings which will have to be removed will first be offered to the original owners for repurchase and removal. If the original owners do not want to repurchase them and remove, the individual properties will be advertised in local papers and sold to the highest bidder.

If there are no bidders, the Highway Department will then hire a demolition contractor to remove the building.

In spite of the fact that a number of churches are interested in the salvage value of some of the buildings, State Highway representatives said there is no other procedure for the disposal of the buildings and visits to the Department's offices in Scranton to obtain options on any building will be to

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Rainbow Girls Hold Public Installation



Rainbow Girls of the Charles James Memorial Assembly held a public installation January 25 at Trucksville Methodist Church educational building.

First Row: Jo-Carol Birstock; Nancy Sieber; Barbara Tag, new Worthy Advisor; Marion Jolley, retiring Worthy Advisor; Barbara Hopkins, Linda Tag, Second Row: Mrs. Evelyn Hopkins, Mother Ad- visor; Karen Rome; Martha Messick; Gail Kelley; Penny Farrar; Donna Smith; Sharon Evans; Miss Diane Myers, Associate Mother Ad- visor. Third Row: Colleen Con- ghan, Margie Davis, Barbara Hilde- brandt, Judy Williams, Jean Ide, Fourth Row: Gail Rumbaugh, Hilda Root, Dianne Transue, Glenda Wil- liams, Sally Moyer.

Instantly Killed As Cars Collide On Lehman Hill

Mrs. Hoover's Neck Is Broken As She Hurts To Pay

Within 200 feet of the spot where twelve Luzerne High School boys and girls struck a culvert and were tossed out of a small truck several years ago, a Roaring Brook woman met a tragic death Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Maude Hoover, 61, was instantly killed when the car in which she was a passenger swerved on an ice-glazed highway at the foot of the long hill west of Lehman, and collided with another. Mrs. Hoover, tossed from the car, died of a broken neck and a fractured skull.

Tossed also from the car was Mrs. Bert Hummel, 60, who suffered a back injury. Admitted by Lehman ambulance to Nesbitt Hospital were Mrs. Hummel and Mrs. Donald Hoover, 40, driver of the car and daughter-in-law of the victim.

The late model sedan, equipped with power brakes, was travelling down the long grade toward Sweet Valley. Mrs. Hoover was not thoroughly acquainted with the power brakes, and may have exerted too much pressure. The car spun on the icy road, directly into the path of a car coming toward Lehman, driven by Arthur Hale of Court- side. All three women were in the broad front seat, the victim closest to the door.

Deputy coroner Stephen Glova ascertained the cause of death. Investigating officers were headed by Lehman Police Chief Joseph Ide.

Mrs. Hoover was buried Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Paul E. Clingen conducting services from the Bronson Funeral Home.

She was born in Noxen, daughter of the late Edward and Mary Kiefer Rosengrant. A member of Roaring Brook Baptist Church, she was a past president of Willing Workers class, and a member of Ladies Bible Class.

Surviving are her husband, Sherman A.; sons, Sherman D., Hunlock Creek RD. and Donald A., Hunlock Creek RD; six grandchildren; brothers, Benjamin Rosengrant, Hunlock Creek RD, and William Rosengrant, Edwardsville; a sister, Mrs. Edwin T. Helfrich, Walnutport.

193 Patch-Tested

Patch-testing program at Dallas Schools, showed 4 positive reactions from 193 tests, with chest X-Rays negative in all but one.

Appeal Delays The Opening Of New Postoffice

Shavertown Patrons Patiently Await Promised Opening

Acceptance of the new Shavertown Postoffice by the United States Government is being held up pending an appeal from the contract rental price by Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, owner of the building, according to Superintendent of Mails G. P. Finn, Wilkes-Barre.

The beautiful new building is completely modern in every respect and meets all government requirements. "We had hoped to be in it by December 1," said Mr. Finn, "because our present quarters in Shavertown are badly cramped. The building was not, however, completely finished at that time."

The contract for rental, signed some time ago, covers a ten-year period with option of renewal.

Mr. Finn implied that perhaps rigid adherence to government specifications may have run up costs of construction higher than anticipated, resulting in the appeal from the contract.

"I hope the appeal can be settled quickly by the real estate department of the Philadelphia Regional Office of the Postoffice Department, so that we can move in quickly and give our patrons the kind of service they require."

Mr. Finn said the Shavertown office would move in over night as soon as the appeal is settled. All of our new government equipment, lock boxes etc., has already been placed in the building.

The New Office

Commenting on the facilities in the new building, Superintendent of Mails Richard Griffith, Trucksville, said it will be a joy to work there.

There is ample work space for the present and several years to come. There is also a large loading platform and plenty of parking space for customers and patrons.

Customer counters for sale of money orders, stamps, etc., are bank type with no grills or windows as in older offices. The lobby is large and ample and the lock box section will be housed in a separate room.

Mr. Griffith does not anticipate any change in office hours except perhaps in the lock box area where patrons will be able to pick up their mail after the other part of the office is closed and clerks are not on duty. Regular hours are 7 a. m. to 5:15 p. m.

He was enthusiastic about the cloak closets, toilet facilities for employees and his own private office.

Lighting throughout is the latest type, approved by the postal department. There is also considerable new clerical equipment.

Wilkes-Barre Postmark

Mr. Griffith said most of the outgoing mail is now worked at the Wilkes-Barre Postoffice and bears the Wilkes-Barre cancellation mark.

The only mail bearing Shavertown cancellation is that which is deposited at the office after 5:15 and before 7 a. m. This mail is picked up by employees when they come to work in the morning and all of it destined north to Dallas, Harveys Lake, Noxen and the Star Routes bears the Shavertown cancellation. All eastbound mail is worked and cancelled in Wilkes-Barre.

Chosen Dallas Commencement Speaker Dies

Replacement Found By School Board To Give Address

Dallas School Board sat for its picture Tuesday night in advance of the February meeting. The picture, which showed all members of the recently reduced school board except Harry C. Sickler from Franklin Township, who was unavoidably absent, will appear in the Dallas Senior High School Year-Book.

Two things developed in regard to Commencement. The Key Club Drill Team will be in Denver on the day set for graduation, and the speaker has been replaced.

Key Club Drill Team participation in the June 10 to 14 Kiwanis Convention in Denver cancels out commencement activities. It was pointed out by Earl Phillips that diplomas could be given seniors in the Drill Team at the convention, adding an impressive note to both the convention and the graduation, an opportunity which never could be expected to come again for any senior class.

The speaker retained for commencement exercises is no longer available. Joseph W. Hobbs died suddenly at his home in Mason County, Iowa. John M. Bickel was recommended by Program Associates as a replacement. Mr. Bickel, of Racine, Wisconsin, a pioneer in the air conditioning industry, is brother of the screen star Frederic March.

Bank Loan

A loan not to exceed \$100,000 was authorized, to be procured from Miners National Bank at 3% interest. An active account of \$17,000 was voted withdrawn from Wyoming National and placed on deposit at Miners National, to avoid service charges.

Interviews

Sixty original applicants for the position of supervisor of maintenance have been interviewed. The twenty survivors will be interviewed Saturday morning March 3. Superintendent Robert A. Mellman urged that board members assist in the interviews and subsequent rating of candidates.

Dr. Mellman said that unless exactly the right man could be obtained, one who could supervise the matter should be dropped entirely. The right man, he said, could be of great value, spotting trouble before it developed.

The Professional Committee will interview applicants for teaching positions March 17. Again, Board members were asked to cooperate. Dr. Mellman stated that a number of excellent candidates are already being considered.

Survey Of 1961 Graduates

A follow-up study of graduates of 1961 showed 35.2% in college, 12.7% in the armed forces, 19.6% employed in various jobs, 9.8% in secretarial positions, 11.7% miscellaneous, 4.9% in technical schools, 1.9% in training as nurses, 4.2% unknown.

Among the college students are four foreign exchange girls, abroad under the aegis of Rotary International.

Miscellaneous

Mathematics teachers are vitally interested in the School Mathematics Study Group, initiated by Yale University, which is providing an entirely revolutionary concept of teaching of mathematics. Teachers in both Junior and Senior High Schools are solidly behind a project to introduce new materials and methods next year in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10, and the following year in grade 11.

Elected a full time custodian was Theodore Newcomb, Dallas, at Westmoreland elementary; Mrs. Martha Barry, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Alberta Smith, to the cafeteria staff of workers.

Added to the list of professional substitutes was William D. Hottelstein, Luzerne; to the custodian's list, Fernan Wesley; cafeteria, Mrs. Gloria Kitchin, Mrs. Mary Glahn.

John Thomas, guidance counselor, was assigned as psychological examiner for the Dallas School District, at an increase in salary of \$200, effective in July. He has satisfactorily concluded clinical work in the graduate program of Scranton University.

The Board discussed the practicability of assigning engineering students to make a survey of land available for athletics, mapping out an oval for track and a diamond for baseball. The football field drains onto the practice field, a situation which needs correction.

The Board decided to hold future meetings alternately at the High School and at various school buildings of the district. The next meeting will be held at Westmoreland. Action was taken at the request of members whose occupations do not permit them to visit school buildings often.

An offer was made to Kingston Township Supervisors of sufficient land on Lehigh Street to permit elimination of a dangerous curve.

Lake To Get 8,000 Trout

Pennsylvania Fish Commission trout stocking program gets underway locally tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 when four trucks containing 4,000 Brook Trout and 4,000 Rain- bow Trout will arrive at the Alder- son section of Harveys Lake.

"While some fishermen may doubt it," District Fish Warden James F. Yoder of Sweet Valley, said, "few of these trout will be less than eight to sixteen inches long, and some will be sixteen and seventeen inches."

Mr. Yoder continued: "While this early stocking is sometimes criticized in view of the fact that Harveys Lake is open to all other species of fish, exclusive of trout, stocking at this time is necessary to facilitate our State-wide program. He added that the closed season begins at midnight March 14 on all trout waters.

Further discussing the early stocking of Harveys Lake Mr. Yoder said: "Not all our waters are accessible at this time of year since many are reached through State Game lands roads, Forest and Waters roads and old CCC roads.

"Then, too, heavy snow cover in early spring often poses the threat of flooding and consequent loss of the greater portion of the fish stocked."

Normal pre-season stocking at Harveys Lake consists of 21,000 trout. With these out of the way, hatchery personnel can concern themselves with other stocking as conditions permit. Balance of the 21,000 is expected to be placed in Harveys Lake within the next few weeks.

Mr. Yoder added wistfully: "It is hoped, naturally, that fishermen who are fishing Harveys Lake will carefully release any over-ambitious trout that may find their bait appealing. Severe line, leaving a hook in deeply hooked trout will save its life."

Viewers To Set Damages For Property Damage

Three viewers to ascertain damage for property of Pearl Habblett, taken by the Commonwealth for relocation of Route 309 in Kingston Township were named by Judge Thomas M. Lewis.

Viewers are Atty. George I. Puhak, Gilbert Jacobsky and Stephen J. Tkach, named on petition of the owner.

According to the petition the property, improved with a one-story frame bungalow was taken in its entirety.

Cocker Spaniel, Hit By Car, Is Rescued

A very nice little middle-aged cocker spaniel is at Dr. Post's Animal Hospital recovering from an encounter with a hit-run driver near Elmerest on Tuesday. Dragging herself from the highway into the ditch, she was spotted by Mrs. Thomas Heffernan, who got in touch with Lee Wientzel and Russ Honeywell. The men took the injured dog to Dr. Post's, where she is suffering from a fractured pelvis.

Mrs. Heffernan inquired at Elmerest, with no result. The cocker's coat was well kept, and in spite of pain, her disposition is good. The day after her admission, she was trying to stand up.

Meeting Postponed

Citizens Committee for Better Schools cancelled last night's meeting because of the snowstorm. It will meet next Wednesday at 8 at Dallas Senior High School.

65 Bundles Sent

Miss Esther Saxe reports 65 bundles of used clothing, results of a recent clothing collection, were sent to "Save the Children Federation of Tennessee.