

**Sheldon Hoover
Was Victim Of
Shotgun Blast**

**Took Precautions
Not To Implicate
Others In Tragedy**

Dead by his own hand, with no possibility of foul play, Sheldon W. Hoover, 47, resident of Trucksville, was found on the back seat of his car Sunday morning at 11:10. Time of death was estimated at 9:30. The victim had left his home on Maple Street at 7 a. m., and had apparently driven around until he had found a suitable spot, taking all precautions to insure that no one else should be implicated.

Drawing off the side of Green Road under the line of sheltering trees, and following somebody else's tire tracks through the snow, he had entered the rear of the car, and arranged a shotgun in such a manner that the blast could not fail to kill him instantly.

He had expected to attend the Men's Breakfast at Trucksville Methodist Church, where he was planning to help serve, and later to act as usher at the morning service. His wife, attending the service, had expected him to join her. He had not been in rugged health, but had not seemed dependent.

The discovery was made by patrolman Miles Shales, Kingston Township. Coroner Stephen Glover and Dr. Benjamin Groblewski certified to cause of death. Investigating also were Kingston Township Chiefs Herbert Updyke and Jesse Coslett, and State Police.

Mr. Hoover, son of Ira and Guida Alpaugh Hoover, was a lifelong resident of Kingston Township, where he belonged to Trucksville Methodist Church, Trucksville Fire Company, and its bowling team. An employee of George B. Steinhauer Co., he belonged to Painters and Paperhangers Union Local 41.

He leaves his widow, the former Theda Anderson; three children: Mrs. Gail Kistler, Sandra and Sheldon Jr.; and his parents, all of Trucksville; two brothers: Lincoln, Somerville, N. J., and Raymond, Succunna, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. Emma Eicke, Shavertown.

Palbearers were: William Smith, David Hopkins, Harry Bowman, Richard Harrison, Richard Mathers, Russell Colbaugh.

He was buried at Cedar Crest Wednesday afternoon, following services conducted by his pastor, Rev. Robert Germond, from the Disque Funeral Home.

**Board Studies
Transient Fee**

**Lehman Police Chief
Voted Raise In Pay**

Problem of transient merchants in Lehman Township came under consideration when Board of Supervisors discussed license fees at the February meeting Thursday night, and the inequity of levying a \$25 per month fee on route-salesmen.

Referred for further study was a request by Russell A. Ide, Meeker, superintendent of Lehman Cemetery, for the Board to assume some support of a very old section for which there are now no living relatives.

The Board also passed an ordinance levying a tax of twenty-five cents on each utility pole and one dollar on each mile of wire in the township.

Police Chief Joseph Ide's salary was raised \$140 to \$3,600 per year. President Michael Godek said the Board could not get down to a rate on the licenses, since it did not want to dissuade regular transient merchants, such as bread salesmen, from coming into the township.

Lehman, however, was also one of those townships picked as a likely area by several unauthorized and suspicious salesmen last summer, who were subsequently expelled by police.

The code establishes a fee of \$25 per month, "or any part thereof", and it has been referred to Solicitor William Valentine to determine whether the law means "part" of the fee or "part" of a month. If it is determined that "part" of the fee is intended, then the law would not be so stringent on regular salesmen.

All reports were approved and bills order paid. Godek, Allan Major and William Samuels attended.

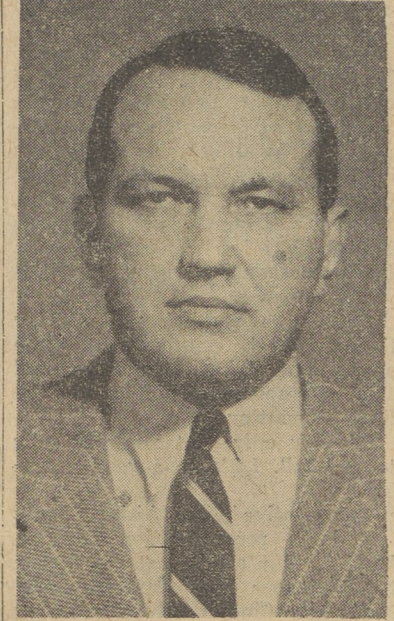
Van Skids, Hangs Over Toby Creek
A Norwalk cross-country van skidded out of control leaving Linear Corporation's parking lot, Fernbrook, Tuesday at 4:30 during the height of the snow storm, and narrowly missed plunging down an embankment into Toby Creek.

**Citizens And Sportsmen Help
In Stocking Nice Trout Crop**

**Silkworth Receives
3000 Mixed Trout**

Lake Silkworth was stocked with trout yesterday afternoon, in a continuation of Pennsylvania Fish Commission's 1963 stocking program for Luzerne County.

Special Gifts



RAYMOND R. HEDDEN

Raymond R. Hedden, chairman of Special Gifts for the Back Mountain Heart Fund Drive, has been working for three weeks on this assignment. To date, receipts amount to \$554, with forty-five replies to date, some from people who had already subscribed.

Asked for a thumbnail sketch of his activities, Mr. Hedden, one of the busiest people in the Back Mountain with a mammoth contracting business specializing in public buildings and schools, said he didn't do anything at all.

It's the busy people like Mr. Hedden who can take time out to help along a worthy project such as the Heart Fund collection.

Mr. Hedden, resigning some years ago from Dallas Borough, soon after the resignation of Council President Joseph MacVeigh, was a distinct loss to the body. Mr. Hedden formerly lived in the Borough before purchasing acreage in Loyallville and building a modern home clinging to the side of a steep hill with a stupendous view. He served on the Dallas Building Authority at the time of its founding, in anticipation of building a new senior high school.

Early Arrivals For
Library Auction

The Library Auction has already received a truckload of furniture from the home of the late Mrs. Margaret Dykman, and on Monday it had a bonus from Bob Eipper, who delivered to The Barn a genuine Jenny Lind cord bed with spool spindles.

It's the used furniture and the occasional "find" in antiques that keep customers glued to their folding chairs at the July auction. The Library Auction is a country auction, with the atmosphere carefully fostered. A cord bed that goes for eight dollars and fifty cents keeps the audience on its toes, in a mellow mood for bidding on the latest thing in lawn furniture or the annual car.

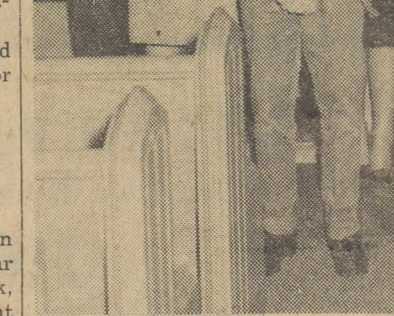
Safe-Driving Award
Dinner Postponed

Jack Landis announces for the Commonwealth Telephone Company that an award dinner scheduled for Tuesday night in honor of nineteen employees living in the Dallas area, has been unavoidably postponed by heavy snow until next Wednesday night at Hotel Sterling. At that time, winners of safe-driving certificates will be honored.

Meeting Postponed

Due to illness of LaRoy Ziegler, a meeting of Kingston Township Supervisors scheduled for Wednesday night has been postponed until Saturday morning at 10.

Five Scouts Win God And Country Awards



Standing in the chancel at Dallas Methodist Church on Boy Scout Sunday are five young men who won the God and Country award, presented by pastor Rev. Russell Lawry in the presence of their parents and the entire congregation. Eligible also to receive the award, but not present because of not having completed requirements for First Class Scout, were Joseph Goode, Charles Garris, and Allan Brown, who will receive the award later.

**Lacks Bail, In Prison
On Charge Of Assault**

Accused of assault on a stepchild, John Backo, Meadowcrest, was returned to Luzerne County Prison Monday evening, when bail bond was not forthcoming.

Held on charges of assault on a seven year old girl, assault and battery and surety of the peace, the 27 year old Trucksville man had a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Frederick W. Anderson, Shavertown.

First charge was preferred by Chief of Police Herbert Updyke, latter two by the defendant's wife, Mrs. Marlene Backo.

Bail on the assault charge was set at \$2,000. Bail of \$500 for the assault and battery charge; and \$1,000 on surety of the peace.

Mrs. Backo fled from the home early Sunday morning to seek aid. The defendant was captured by Chief of Police Herbert Updyke and Special Officer Paul Sabol in Bunker Hill woodlands.

He was sent to prison by Squire Anderson since no hearing could be held on Sunday. Case will be presented to the grand jury.

**Area Men Meet
At Dragon Hotel**

**Dan Flood Delivers
Parcel To Anderson**

Several well-known Back Mountain names were on the register of guests at a reception in the Dragon Hotel, Taipei, Formosa, for Wyoming Valley residents of Taipei.

Frederic Anderson, Jr., Shavertown, serving at a Lutheran mission post in Taichung, was surprised two weeks ago to receive a note from Rep. Daniel J. Flood, who was visiting the island.

Congressman Flood, who was in the Far Eastern land as guest of the China Chapter of Asian Peoples Anti-Communist League, delivered the address at the Freedom Day Dinner January 23.

Contacted by Fred's parents, Representative Flood carried a package of much needed material to the boy working in Taiwan.

Fred made the trip into Taipei and was a guest of Congressman Flood at a reception given by him at the Dragon Hotel, for Wyoming Valley residents living in that city.

Among the guests, he met Byron Ash, Kingston, manager of the Foremost Dairies in Formosa and a brother of Harold Ash, Shavertown.

Fred received a number of invitations from local people but had to return to his duties in Taichung. He was most grateful to Congressman Flood for his interest and effort in his behalf.

The following letter from Congressman Flood, now back in the States, was received by Fred's parents last weekend.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Anderson: I received your kind letter of the 27th. You can be sure that I was more than glad to be able to help. I did see Fred, Jr., and he came to a little party I had for several Luzerne County people, who were in Taipei.

He looked very well, and was on his way to a Chinese New Year's Dinner. He sends his love to all of you.

Sincerely yours,
Daniel J. Flood, M. C.

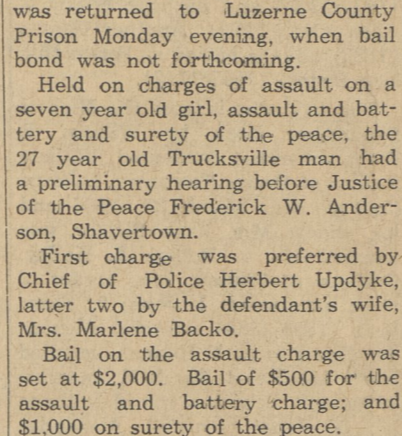
Car Cuts Pole 20,
Dives To Lake Ice

Power was uninterrupted Saturday night when George Laverick, West Pittston, escaping serious injury, sheered off Pole 20 and four guard-posts with his car and plunged fifteen feet to the ice, which held. Lehman and Lake Township police investigated.

Church Pancake Supper

Men's Class of East Dallas Methodist Church will serve a pancake supper Thursday, February 23, starting at 5 p.m.

**Constable Traver Models
Poisoned Bait**



Constable Mike Traver handles with exceeding care the seven pound chunk of poisoned rump that was exposed as bait for Noxen dogs last week. The dog-poisoner is working again.

**Veterans Of Dr. Henry M. Laing
Band Support Community Band**

Former members of the Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Band, now defunct, who are enthusiastically supporting the new Community Band each Thursday night at Dallas Senior High School, include Howard Cosgrove, band director during World War II; Don Cosgrove, bass; Ken Cosgrove, baritone; Richard Aliver, bell lyre; Dr. David W. Kunkle, saxophone; Peter L. Roushey, Cornet; Albert Ide, drums.

John Miliuskas, first cornet, director of Lake-Lehman High School Band, directs the old guard, plus recruits Marguerite and Gary Hackling, Michael Brody, Robert A. Stair, R. Dana Ide, C. Jarett Miller, Sheldon Ehret, Willis Gentile, Philip Amico, Wayne Thomas, and Bud Nelson.

Dr. F. Budd Schooley, who for years permitted use of the upstairs room in his large garage on Lake Street as practice room and storage space for uniforms, instruments and music, attends practice sessions as often as possible. "It takes a long time to get your lip back if you've stopped playing the horn for awhile," he says, "but I could work it up again."

More band members could be accommodated. Anybody who plays, from Ross Township, Harveys Lake, Center Moreland as well as the Dallas area, is invited to join up.

**Borough Refuses
Police At Plant**

Dallas Borough Council quickly referred to its secretary for a reply in the negative a request by Linear Corporation for a policeman on duty during afternoon rush hour at its entrance within the Borough limits, at a meeting Tuesday night.

The letter from Linear stated that Dallas Township, within whose confines the plant itself is located, refused also.

Secretary Robert Brown said that the question of \$4500 tax on Natona Mills sale, disputed by the Township and the Borough, is still being studied by solicitor Robert Fleming.

Patrolman John Berti was dismissed from the police force, since he is now a resident of Trucksville, and David Spencer, schoolguard, is being replaced with regular police officer Cliff Foss, effective Monday.

It was announced that Chief Russell Honeywell is taken ill this week, and Foss is doing the chief's day duty.

All reports were accepted and bills ordered paid.

Ambulance Meeting

Dallas Community Ambulance Association will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Building.

All officers and members of the board are urged to be present. Ambulance crew this week will be Capt. Edwin Roth, Charles Plack, Robert Block, Tony Zachary, Lane Jarrett.

**John Ferguson, 86,
Dies In Shavertown**

Word was received at presstime that one of the old settlers of the area had died. John Ferguson, 86, Lawn Street, will be buried in Warden Cemetery Saturday, following services conducted by Rev. Russell Lawry at 2 p.m. from the Disque Funeral Home.

**True To Form, Butler's Scouts
Camp Out In Sub-Zero Weather**

Parents of John Butler's Scout Troop 232 had no cause for concern last weekend as temperatures plummeted and brisk winds whistled about their temporary quarters.

Anchored firmly at the lower end of Shavertown Shopping Center parking lot, the two tents found the lads nestled comfortably in sleeping bags resting on mounds of straw and clustered about pot bellied stoves in the center.

Flaps firmly secured kept the temperature comfortable throughout the weekend camp-out.

**School Board
Shows Quorum
Despite Storm**

**Dallas Directors
Eye Proposed Pay
Hike For Teachers**

Dallas School directors eyed anticipated raises in salary for teachers at Tuesday night's meeting in the Senior High School Library, estimating the increase in terms of millage.

Discussion of the PSEA requested salary schedule, with regular increments of \$300, resulted in approval for purposes of budget estimation.

Dr. Robert A. Mellman reported that High School principal W. Frank Trimble and John Rosser, and guidance counselor George McCutcheon were in favor of a proposed summer schedule offering sixty hours in these areas: English, mathematics, history, science, conversational French and Spanish. Ninth graders who enter from other schools, it was pointed out, frequently lack the basic drill of conversational languages.

The superintendent's report recommended employment of one teacher of stringed instruments and choral music, and a teacher for advanced placement, also a clerk-book-keeper for office of the secretary, and a clerk-stenographer for the elementary office. Directors adopted the recommendations for a tentative budget.

Unexpected Response
To a questionnaire sent home with sixth grade pupils, 77 students brought back enthusiastic response to a proposal to offer violin instruction.

Dr. Mellman explained that parents would have to rent or furnish the necessary instruments, though this was specifically stated on the original questionnaire. There are not 77 violins to be obtained except through private sources. Seven children already have access to violins.

The idea sprang from employment of a practice teacher from College Misericordia, Loraine Rowe, who collaborates with Miss Louise Ohlman, musical instructor. Response outweighed expectation, the number having been placed at perhaps twenty.

Driver Training
Driver training requires six hours of actual back of the wheel instruction. There are not enough hours in the day between now and June to accommodate the 188 high school students who have signed for driver training. Supervised driving has been completed by 71 students.

The board voted to continue training during the summer, as with even the best of weather only 71 more students will be able to complete requirements by the end of the school year.

The log-jam is created by increased high school enrollment. The Junior Class last year numbered 109, this year 220. All students of sixteen are eligible for driving training.

Practice Teachers
Twelve seniors from College Misericordia are already teaching at Dallas Schools: Frances McFadden, Carol A. Zionce, Maureen Moore, Josephine Eggleston and Anne Willis at the Senior High School; Sara Servin and Anita Rhatigan at Junior High School; Sara Gregory and Phyllis Howe, Westmoreland building; Mary Ann Sladzynski, Dallas Borough; Lorraine Rowe, at all schools.

Miscellaneous

Lester Lewis and four students, John Wardell, Leo Phila, William Cooper and Richard Ratcliffe, will attend PMEA District Race at East Stroudsburg March 7, 8, and 9; Kathy Maury, Paul Haradem and Thomas Houlette, PMEA District Orchestra, Mountain View High School March 21, 22 and 23.

Proctor and Gamble Dental Health program was approved for all grades. Mrs. Grace B. Lord's resignation was accepted, also Mrs. Marlene Holly.

Mrs. John Griffiths, Forty Fort, was employed as a full time substitute, to teach mathematics in Junior High School.

Mrs. Doris Sutton (resigned from full time work in the cafeteria), was placed on the substitute list. Mrs. Helen Smith was employed on a full-time basis, and Mrs. Joanna Smith replacing Mrs. Smith as part-time cafeteria employee.

Mrs. Marjorie Krimmel's name was added to the list of available substitute clerk-stenographers; Mrs. Jean M. Thomas to the list of substitute nurses.

The rate for salaries of play coaches for next year was increased from \$100 to \$150 for each professional person assigned.

Interested teachers will be permitted to attend Lehigh University's 12th annual reading conference Saturday, March 30. Elementary Supervisor William A. Austin stated that he considered this an extremely important conference, drawing enthusiastic support from Dallas Schools.

Alan D. Husband and Louis Palermo were authorized to attend the Biological Curriculum Study at State University March 16.

Fourth annual Reading Conference at College Misericordia is slated for March 22 and 23. Last year this met with great response.

**Noxen Poisoner
Still At Work**

**Now Has Seventeen
Dogs To His Credit**

The Noxen dog-poisoner now has seventeen victims to his credit.

Starting over a month ago he has left a trail of dead and dying dogs in his wake, including a dog so old and feeble that he always had to be helped down the steps, a large yellow dog that was the school mascot, family pets, strays, starved puppies.

Last week, after a brief let-up following warnings in the Dallas Post, he struck again.

The bait was a spectacular piece of rump, apparently product of a home slaughter house, and an accompanying slab of kidney fat.

Both baits were injected with poison. The seven-pound chunk of rump, dropped on Main Street, Noxen, got its victim within fifteen minutes.

Constable Mike Traver brought the poisoned beef to the Dallas Post, where it sat for its portrait.

Traver reported that he had visited every place in the area and up toward Tunkhannock that customarily did any slaughtering, and that all butchers were cooperative. Their opinion was that the rump came from a heifer, and from the color of the meat, might have been either Holstein or Black Angus.

Included among dog owners who have lost dogs are: Homer Skelton, Cecil Traver, Warren Newell, John H. Hallowell, Warren Hubbell, Cal Strohl. The Fritz dog, missing for some weeks and presumed poisoned, was found dead in the snow under some shrubbery not over two blocks from his home, victim of the first wave of poisoning.

Chet Wisniewski was asked to put out of its misery a dog belonging to Cecil Traver, which was writhing in agony after sampling the bait across from Newell's Store on Friday.

A number of appetizing little packages of meat, including bologna, have been spotted around Noxen.

**State Dog-Catcher
Coming Here Soon**

Tomorrow and for an unspecified time thereafter is the time set by the state dog-law enforcement officer for rounding up unlicensed dogs in the Back Mountain.

Responding to police complaints in Dallas, Dallas Township, and Kingston Township about large packs of dogs roaming their jurisdictions, Thomas Marshall, Dushore, will check for owners of unlicensed dogs, and will prosecute them without exception. Minimum fine is five dollars and costs of prosecution, and maximum is \$100 and costs, or thirty days in jail, or both.

**Victim Of Idetown Fire Battles
For Life Under Oxygen At General**

Forced out into a night of sub-zero temperatures, while in a weakened condition, an Idetown fire victim is fighting for his life.

Emory Lozier, 54, was rushed to General Hospital by Dallas Ambulance crew at midnight last Tuesday. A cold following exposure to the bitter elements had quickly developed into pneumonia.

Upon arrival, he was immediately placed in an oxygen tent. Private nurses are required round the clock and his condition remains critical.

Four years ago, Mr. Lozier underwent surgery for removal of a cancerous lung and he has required frequent hospitalization.

Formerly employed at Devens Milling Company, he has been unable to return to work. The family has been hard pressed by misfortune, and the loss of everything they owned on the evening of January 28, when fire leveled their rented home, capped the climax.

Mrs. Lozier had dashed back into the flames and smoke to snatch her coat so that her ill, pajama-clad husband might have protection against the piercing winds.

The couple have resided since the fire with their son, Earl, Park Street, Dallas. Mrs. Lozier and her son spend every possible moment with Mr. Lozier, going to the hospital every evening when Earl comes home from work.

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