

Editorially Speaking: Why Isn't Insurance Required?

In a number of states, car insurance is required. In Pennsylvania, apparently car insurance is something which you buy if you can afford it, neglect if it is not convenient.

All you need in Pennsylvania is a driver's license and a car which will pass the semi-annual inspection, to set you rolling on the road.

In a recent case, where the father of a family was killed in his mid-thirties by a piece of reckless driving on the part of some young boys, no insurance company stood back of the culprits, to compensate for the loss of life.

The victim was in no way to blame. He was unloading his station wagon, well off the road. The car pinned him to his fender.

An "accident."

The boys went scot-free. In effect, they were slapped on the wrist and told to be more careful in the future. Were their licenses suspended?

They were not. The boys, grinning and chortling among themselves, tumbled out of the courtroom free as air.

The widow went back to her home, faced with support of two little children.

With more and more drag-race enthusiasts endangering more and more mature drivers, something should be done to make public thoroughfares less dangerous.

We might start with financial responsibility. Insurance would not hold down accidents . . . unless Dad stiffened his backbone and laid it on the line for Junior.

But liability insurance would cushion the blow when a man is struck down in the prime of life, his earning power gone forever, the long uphill struggle to feed and house and educate the children, still to come.

Nobody has any right to take a lethal weapon out on the highway unless he is willing to stand back of the consequences of a tragic accident.

One way is enough insurance. Because there really ARE accidents, where nobody is to blame.

Penns Woods Notebook

There's nothing like the thrill of seeing a beautiful bird in your bird house, feeder, or around the yard. And during the winter months more than any other time people take notice of these birds.

All of our knowledge about them has come from bird-watching. We have learned something of importance about birds in the world of wildlife, and as we know, they help control insects. We have discovered that a single kind of bird is neither good or bad, but they all have their important natural place.

From bird watching we get to know more about their food and habits, and so by are able to do more to protect those that need help in order to survive. You yourself can establish a local bird refuge where birds passing can stop and rest or feed and where local birds who are here year around may nest.

In most cases, birds can feed and care for themselves, but when

severe storms completely cut off their food supply, feeding efforts are essential for them to survive. Feeding means more than just scattering scraps of bread around. Find out the best way to build feeding stations and set them near shrubbery to give birds shelter. Place lumps of suet in wire containers. Small grains such as sunflower seeds, hemp, and canary seed will attract seed eaters.

I am very happy to be able to say that I have completed counseling Ricky Edwards of Shavertown for his wildlife management merit badge. Ricky is a scout with Troop 231 of Shavertown. The troop is now engaged in a Christmas Tree project in the lot across from Shavertown Methodist Church.

If you would like any questions answered in conservation just drop a post card or letter to PENNS WOODS NOTEBOOK, BOX 408, DALLAS, PA.

Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

30 Years Ago

Civil service examinations for managers of liquor stores throughout the State with the end of Prohibition, had 2,500 thirsty citizens panting to get the jobs. Dallas was not in the market. Luzerne would be the nearest place to quench a thirst.

Adam Kiefer, president of Dallas Township School Board, resigned. Chris Eipper was elected to fill the office.

Wardan Kunkle was reelected president of Dallas firemen. Charles Reigle vice president.

Shavertown Improvement Society reelected H. M. Hall president.

First games in Rural League basketball saw Dallas beating Shavertown, Laketon downing Trucksville.

An editorial pointed out the value of founding a public library in Dallas. It was suggested that the Dallas Borough High School Library might form a nucleus for such a venture. This was twelve years before the Back Mountain Memorial Library was founded. The Dallas Post consistently promoted the idea of a library until it was an accomplished fact.

The new Ford was on display, a ritzy model with a V-8 engine. AND you could get a two-door sedan for \$535; a classy coupe for \$515. Highest price was a Victoria for \$610. (FOB Detroit, natch.)

W. J. Schall, 55, died in Shavertown.

You could get chocolate drops, mixed candy, or Brazil nuts for 15 cents per pound. Chuck roast was 10 cents, oranges two dozen for 29 cents.

The Lindberghs were flying back from their trip around the world. Their survey trip included Baffin Bay, Greenland, England, the Continent, Africa, and Suth America.

Fuel researchers indicated that it was gas, and not oil, which would be the ultimate enemy of anthracite.

20 Years Ago

The Faux Lumber mill in Orange burned to the ground in a high wind, as Dallas fire companies fought to save it, and the family carried water in buckets.

Back Mountain's flu epidemics was not serious. The cases were mild, though the disease was wide-spread.

Mrs. Celeste Prutzman got front-page position on her 89th birthday.

Willard Wenzel, Alderson, sent the radio SOS from the shattered Flying Fortress which ditched in the English Channel, bringing rescue to his crew mates.

After seeing a film on the taking of Guadalcanal, the editor of the Dallas Post dipped his pen in venom and ripped the hides off folks at home who couldn't find time to roll bandages, and commiserated with women who had trouble finding a fourth at bridge, and the folks who couldn't round up enough gas to attend family funerals, but could get to the night spots without trouble. (Howard was sending free Posts to the kids in the service and he was dying to get into the fray himself. He didn't have too much patience with folks who bemoaned their own hardships, he'd had so many letters from wounded kids thousands of miles from home.)

From the Outpost: Thelma Gregory, Arlington, Va.; A. C. Edwards, Georgia; Frank Billings, Australia; John Kunkle, California; E. H. Evans, Alaska; Edward Tutak Jr., Kansas; James R. Bertram, Camp Edwards; Ethel Wright, Florida; Earl Williams, Georgia; Tommy Evans, North Africa; Lester Fiske, Texas; Dana Campbell, Texas.

Harveys Lake froze over completely, but a high wind broke up a little of the ice in the middle.

Steak cost 34 cents and 8 points a pound. Rib end pork loins cost only 4 points — plus of course 25 cents a pound. Most sea food was not rationed. You could get two large loaves of bread for 17 cents. Married: Ellen Pritchard to Harley Misson. Naomi Rood to Richard Holdredge.

10 Years Ago

Norti Berti headed the Ambulance Association in Dallas.

A four-year old child was instantly killed when he tried to board a moving truck. Pronounced dead by Dr. H. A. Brown was Richard Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Weaver, Lehman.

New Goss Manor was building up, many new homes being constructed.

Janet Smith was elected president of the Book Club.

Married: Clara Cundiff to Alan R. Carney. Dorothy Meade to John Dobson. Shirley Finlayson to Jonah Smith.

Died: Mrs. Rose Cragle, Hunlock Creek, on her 87th birthday. Mrs. Elizabeth Grail, Trucksville; Vincent Shindel, Dallas.

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Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

The second schoolhouse, according to Ryman's History, in Dallas Township was built after 1834 on lands of Richard Honeywell at what is since called Goss Corners. This one also was used for religious and other meetings in addition to school purposes. A one room building was still standing close to the intersection in my own time, probably a replacement of the first one, used for elections and similar activities. It had been replaced for school purposes by a white, two-story, frame building originally having a big room on each floor. The first floor had been divided into two rooms at the time I attended there in 1905 - 06.

About the same time as the first school at Goss Corners, there was a school built near East Dallas and there were schools at various points in that area, one after another, for many years. They went by various names, one of which was Spencer. The last one, which is still standing, was used by Mark A. Dawber for Sunday School and church services, as a result of which a new congregation was started and a new East Dallas Church was built. In the meantime Mark Dawber became a Methodist preacher.

A few miles northward a school was built in early days near the residence of Ransom Denmond, called Denmond School. At one time one nearby was called Mt. Pleasant. This area is now spelled Demunds Corners. Directors built a new school at Demunds about 1898, much opposed by some in the Township, who tried to stop it.

In the southern end of the Township, on present Overbrook Avenue, stood the Shaver School, sometimes called Shavertown School. This was still standing in my time. Another at the intersection of what are now called Macell and Reservoir Avenues was called Hunter School, removed many years ago.

A school on the road to Kunkle, on Chestnut Ridge, was called Brace or Chestnut Hill School. It was discontinued a long time ago, maybe about the time of the Civil war. Another to the Westward, on the road between Hays Corners and Kunkle was called West Dallas School. There was one school in the Alderson corner of the Township.

Pupils were sent to Kunkle, where the one room school south of the village was discontinued and a bigger building of two rooms subsequently made into three, was built on the road from Kunkle to Alderson. I taught here in 1916-1917. This building is still standing, used for square dances and public affairs.

The natural center of the Township is in the vicinity of Goss corners and even before World War I the school directors were considering all township schools in that area. A few years after the war it was done and a new school built about 1925 approximately on the site of the Old Highland House Hotel. This has received various additions since and is now the Junior High School for the Un.on District.

Jackson Township was another district of one-room schools. Huntsville School stood on or near the rocks on the south side of the main intersection near the waterfall in the creek. Old Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, sometimes held meetings there about 1911. There was a school in earlier days on the Chase Road not far from Spring Brook Farm. When this was replaced the school directors built it, against much local opposition, on the road between Hillside and Huntsville, since called Hillside School. When the building was new, there happened to break out one or more epidemics of children's diseases. Those who had opposed the location of the new school prior to the Chase Road immediately put on it the name of "The Pest House" which is carried for decades. Just lately this has been painted a bright red and made into an attractive residence. Just off the road from Chase to route 29 stood the Rohme School. On the road between Casetown and Smiths Pond once stood the Union School. About the same distance northeast of Casetown and Smiths Pond once stood the Union School. About the same distance northeast of Casetown was located one of the several schools herabouts named Oakdale.

Somewhere in the area was a school called the "Texas School", which I recently heard mentioned in my childhood, but I have never located it since I grew up.

Better Leighton Never

by Leighton Scott

What's The Climate?
Recently received two or three pounds of literature, mats, and promotional material from the newly installed offices of the "100,000 Pennsylvanians for the Promotion of Economic Growth."

Purpose of the program is to build "a massive year-round promotional campaign" by all citizens to "sell" Pennsylvania "as a superior place in which to work, live, visit and do business."

That's not a bad idea; and it shows Governor Scranton is trying to implement his campaign platform.

There's no question but what such a campaign, even if some let the others carry the ball talking up Pennsylvania at every chance, will enjoy some success.

But there's a point after which I, as a company planner, stop listening to the din about business climate, and start looking at the thermometer outside. What about that five percent sales tax, Governor?

That from a registered Republican.

Not Unrecognized
It should be pointed out, as it has gone unrecognized so far, that the lovely Christmas tree in the center of the Borough was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, Parish Street.

Weather Note
Clip this priceless information; it may come in handy. The Old Farmer's Almanac says the winter will average 37 degrees, 2.5 above the seventy-year average, and three degrees above last year's living you-know-what. The Almanac, which is a favorite among us country-folk, says this might save you ten per cent on your fuel bill over last year. Snowfall, however, is supposed to be 57 inches (for Boston, correspondingly less here), more than last year.

From Leighton's Young Scoundrel Almanac, a tip: If you try to negotiate Huntsville Road or Macell Avenue after a one half inch snowfall, you'd better have chains on, or else wait for the boys to come with the cinder truck. If nothing seemed to work, and I had to get to Lehman Avenue in a hurry, though, I always had success by taking a flying start at King Street from the bank parking lot, and up the back way.

From— Pillar To Post...

By Felix

Cold weather always brings up happy thoughts of something which is just crying to be invented, and that's a piece of electrical equipment which will start a car from inside the house, without barging through the snow, kicking loose the frozen latch on the door, pumping the gas pedal, using the choke, and scraping ice off the windshield as the car warms up.

And don't bother to tell me that the invention is an attached garage, already in common usage.

I am dealing with facts, not fancies.

My car has to stand out in the weather. It does not appreciate standing in the driveway, but there it is, and until attached garages come for free, there it will remain.

Folks give me free advice, not free garages.

They recommend lemon juice for the windshield. One person went so far as to say that a coke poured over the ice, with the windshield wipers in action, would do the trick of defrosting.

If I am going to pour a coke anywhere, I am going to pour it in me instead of on the windshield, and preferably inside the house instead of standing alongside the hood.

And then there is the school of thought which recommends fitting a piece of cardboard under the blades of the windshield wiper, to discourage icing. This works fine except when a wind rises at midnight and the protection sails into the neighboring yard.

It's all enough to make anybody take off for Florida.

In December, it's difficult to keep the mind firmly fixed on that first March crocus, three cold months away.

WOMAN'S CHORALE TO SING AT MINERS BANK
Dallas Chorale will appear in a special program of Christmas music in the Main Lobby of the Miners National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, tomorrow (Friday) at noon.

The Dallas women's group is the first in a number of chorale units scheduled to participate in the Miners National Bank's traditional yuletide season program in the Wilkes-Barre city bank.

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Beth Ann Malkemes

A seven pound, twelve ounce daughter, Beth Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Malkemes, R. D. 1, Dallas, December 11 at General Hospital. There is one other child, Ricky, aged one. Mrs. Malkemes is the former Ada Hilburt, Dallas. Mr. Malkemes is serving with the U.S. Navy.

Dottie Gilbert Expresses Reactions Of Her African Friends To Slaying

Dottie Gilbert, missionary at Kimpese, Africa, voices the views of her dusky friends and neighbors on the assassination of President Kennedy in a letter to the American Embassy

I. M. E.
Kimpese
Nov. 24, 1963

The Ambassador of United States
American Embassy
Leopoldville
Honorable Sir,

We thought you would like to know that our English language church service this morning took the form of a memorial service for President Kennedy. It was led by the British pastor, Rev. Merricks, and was attended by personnel from the British Isles, Holland, Sweden and Canada, as well as from the United States. Dr. White read Psalms 46 and 91, and we sang the hymn based on the latter, "Oh God our help in ages past." He also read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and prayers by Peter Marshall, and his comments stressed the sovereignty of God, the glory and brevity of human achievement, and our own sinfulness as human beings and our need for the redeeming power of Christ. This dreadful act has forced so brutally upon us the recognition of the terrible depths of evil of which man is capable. Prayers were offered in thanks for Mr. Kennedy's life and leadership and in request for the Holy Spirit's consolation of his family and His guidance of President Johnson and of the nation.

The African church at Lukala spontaneously observed a period of silence in respect and sorrow.

The reaction of our African students and staff was generally: "But

he was such a good and great man and did so much for other countries! What will happen now? There is no one else like him is there." They were greatly surprised and impressed when I told them that our President's name is now Johnson. They could hardly imagine an automatic passage of power without a chaotic period of

political vacuum. As an American I had never before given any thought to, nor appreciated, those few words in our Constitution which provide for this.

May we express through you, our official representative, our very deep shock and sorrow and sympathy for the Kennedy family.

Very sincerely yours,
Dorothy R. Gilbert

Fire Extinguisher

Lee Landmesser says that baking soda (dry) in the car ashtray will insure quick extinguishing for a cigarette.

READ THE TRADING POST

Lonely Homeowner's Column



"Dear Column:
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