

# Town Treasurer Dies After Route 46 Crash; Served Here 43 Years

## Retired Merchant Operated Clothing Store For 39 Yrs.

Town Treasurer James A. Harris 78, dean of Hackettstown officials and retired clothing merchant, died at 5:35 yesterday afternoon at Dover General Hospital, presumably from injuries suffered in an auto accident at 3:50 p. m. on Route 46 at Great Meadows.

Another victim, Edward Wojcik, 42, of Route 46, Great Meadows, was admitted to Dover General with a possible jaw fracture and severe lacerations. Both were taken to the hospital by the Hackettstown First Aid and Rescue Squad.

Trooper Henry Meyer of the Washington barracks, who took up the investigation, said the cause of the accident had not been determined but it appeared that there was a head-on collision in the eastbound lane between the eastbound sedan driven by Harris and the westbound car operated by Wojcik. Neither car had any passengers. The collision happened



James A. Harris

## MOURNING PROCLAIMED

Mayor T. Robert Kitchen last night proclaimed a 30-day period of official mourning in Hackettstown in memory of James A. Harris, municipal treasurer for 43 years, who died yesterday afternoon. The Mayor said that he and the Common Council would act with a formal resolution at their next meeting, which may be a special session Monday night to temporarily fill the vacancy left by the death of the treasurer.

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DATE OF DEATH: December 12, 1962